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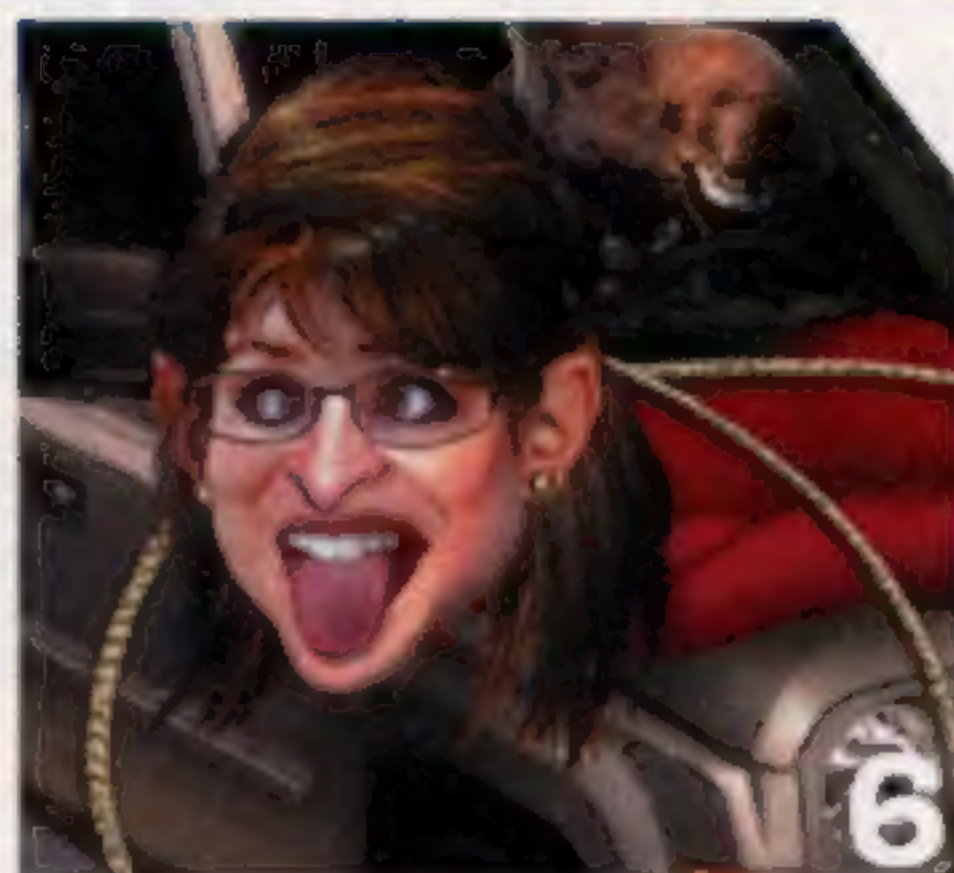
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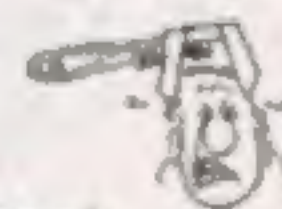
Everyone wants politicians that are just like them — then they're upset when they are!

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# LETTERS and Tomatoes

## CLASS INACTION

Hi, my name is Hannah Cook. I'm 17 (I was 16 when I did this) and for my U.S. History class, we were assigned a project on something that has shaped American culture. I chose to do mine with my partner on MAD Magazine and its influence on humor/satire. We were the only students to ever choose this topic. My partner wrote the paper and apparently there were some miscommunications on the facts I'd given him. Good thing I knew more about this than my teacher. And we would've received a higher grade if Andrew, my partner, actually prepared a bit more and didn't read from note cards, which cost me my "A."

Hannah Cook, San Bernardino, CA

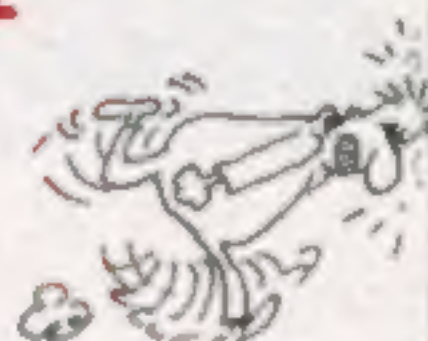
**Cookie Monster** — So, just to sum up — this "Andrew" character didn't do the work, he got the facts wrong AND he goofed up the presentation? It sounds like he's a real piece of work! On the other hand, he was smart enough to avoid public embarrassment and stay out of this photo. Hmm...maybe he's the brains of the outfit after all! Best of luck with summer school! —Ed.



## MAD Reader Alert 1

The Answer is: April 7, 2010

The Question: What is the day when "Jeopardy! America's Favorite Quiz Show®" will feature an entire category devoted to MAD? Stay tuned!

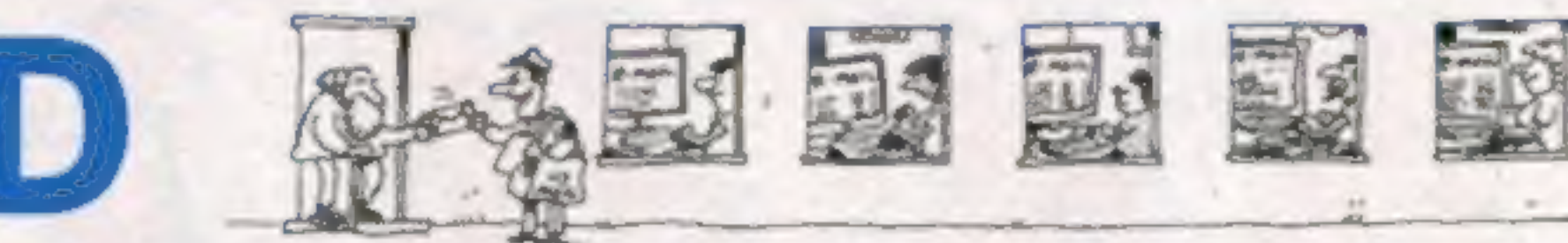


## OFF THE SLEEP END

A few months ago, my brother Jesse had a dream that Alfred was hunting him down like a deer, but Alfred was hunting him in the desert. Is this a sign that I should stop reading MAD?

Mark Guzman, Austin, TX

**Guzzler** — No...but it's definitely a sign that you should stop WRITING to MAD! Also, maybe tell Jesse to stop mixing Red Bull and Nilla Wafers right before bedtime. That's just a recipe for fever dreams. —Ed.



## A STREAK OF GENIUS

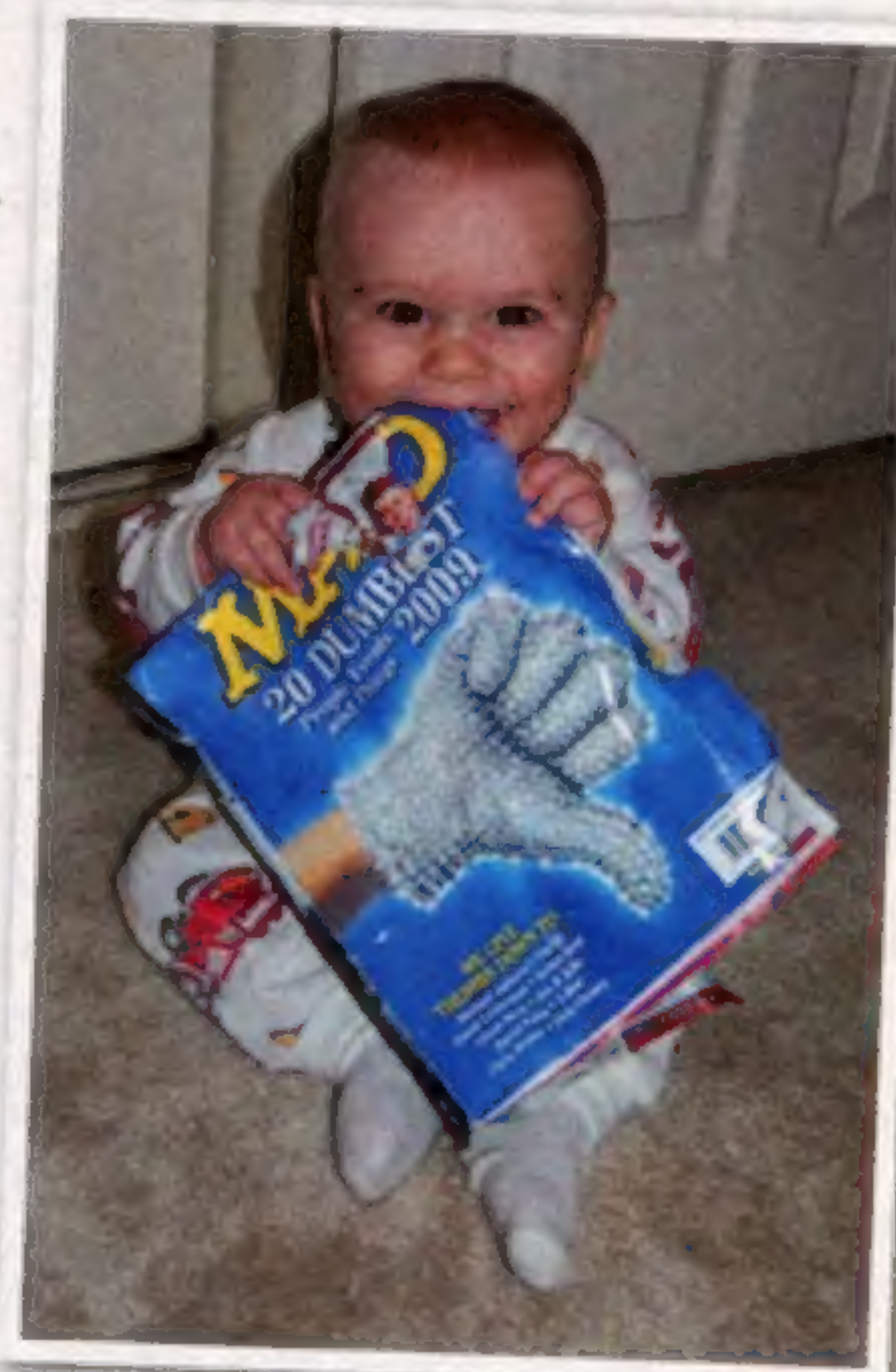
What do Lou Gehrig, Cal Ripken, Jr. and Dick DeBartolo all have in common? If you said they all have mustaches...well, then you're clearly an idiot. The answer, of course, is that they've all completed amazing streaks! Gehrig played in 2,130 consecutive games, Ripken played in 2,632 consecutive games, and DeBartolo has appeared in 400 consecutive issues of MAD! Since his first appearance in MAD #103 (June 1966) Dick has been in every single issue of MAD! And with his contribution to MAD #502, Dick's streak reached the amazing 400-issue mark! It's the longest streak of any of the Usual Gang of Idiots — spanning six decades and counting! Thank you, Dick, for all of your amazing work — now get back to work, you goldbrick!

## MAD EATER ALERT

My eight-month-old son, Conor, loves your magazine — in fact, he refuses to eat anything else! Do you have any baby-recipe tips that might include MAD as a main ingredient? Because my husband and I would really like to start working some other nutrients into his diet.

Kirsten Angel, Philadelphia, PA

**Hell's Angel** — Hmm...we're not really sure. Sorry we can't help! You should just ask Child Services — they should be at your house any minute now! —Ed.



## MAD Celebrity Snaps

I whipped out my MAD magazine when I met "Pits" DeArmond at the world-famous Bearcreek Saloon in Bearcreek Montana. "Pits" is the celebrity owner and the announcing voice of the Bearcreek Downs Pig Races! Even though our pig didn't win, we "hammed it up" and had a great steak. There's no pork on their menu!

Jim Mazur, Natrona Heights, PA



Wow, we can't believe you got "Pits" DeArmond to pose with MAD! Hey, quick question — which one is you and which one is "Pits"? On second thought, it doesn't matter — you and "Pits" are equally famous. Which is to say, not at ALL famous. Granted, we don't get to the pig races as much as we used to (they haven't been the same since our favorite racer, Sow-cretariat, busted a hoof and got "traded" to Boar's Head)! One thing's for sure though — this is, without a doubt, the worst Celebrity Snap we've ever run. To make sure this type of thing never happens again, let's take a look at some Celebrity Snaps we WOULD like to see. That's right, it's time for The Nifty Fifty — just read below! —Ed.

## ED.'S NIFTY FIFTY

Hey nonny nonny! It's time for another installment of Ed's Nifty Fifty™! When it comes to Celebrity Snaps, this list represents the best of the best — the ones we want more than any others! And that's where you come in! Just send in your non-returnable photographs via snail mail or to our e-mail address (letters@madmagazine.com — put "Nifty Fifty" in the subject line) If we print it you'll get an 18-month subscription to MAD! It couldn't be easier! And, of course, we still want Celebrity Snaps of people NOT on this list, too! So get out there and start harassing some celebs!

Celebrity-in-Chief Barack Obama  
Glenn "The Missing Stoooge" Beck

**Jersey Shore**  
sunstroke  
victims  
**The Situation**  
and Snooki

FOX News  
Spokesmodel Sarah Palin

That crazy-eyed chick from the  
Progressive Insurance commercials

Secretary of Agriculture  
Tom "Beefcake" Vilsak

Still-Living (as far as we can tell)  
Tito Jackson

Prison Orphan, The Balloon Boy  
Heather Mills' Sugardaddy

Sir Paul McCartney

The Quite Lively Blake Lively  
Pink-Slipped Talk Show Host  
Conan O'Brien

Taylor "Girl, Interrupted" Swift



Left-Wing Loudmouth  
Keith Olbermann

Ball-Grabber LeBron James  
Bear Grylls (Extra points if  
he's eating scorpion testicles  
in the shot)

Vampire Pin-up Robert Pattinson

Twilight Hottie Kristen Stewart

That One-Hit-Wonder  
Bruce Springsteen

The Poor Man's Johnny Depp:  
Robert Downey Jr.

Loveable Lunatics Amadinejah  
and/or Kadafi

**Singing**  
Clownbird  
Lady Gaga

Right-Wing  
Doughboy  
Karl Rove

Bowl-cut Castrato Justin Bieber

"Far Side" Freakazoid Gary Larson



Former Wunderkind Rahm Emanuel  
Cigar Aficionado Monica Lewinsky  
(still!)

Peyton "Five-head" Manning

**Hirsute**  
Funnyman  
Zach  
Galifianakis

Jerry "Turtle"  
Ferrara

Star of Every Comedy in 2008, Paul  
Rudd

Degrassi Grad Drake  
Uber-Uterus Octomom

"Sex Addict" Tiger Woods

Loveable A-hole Larry David

Vamp-loving Vamp Anna Paquin

Drug-Addled Celeb-Lover Dr. Drew

Yankees Pretty Boy Derek Jeter

Michael K. Williams (Omar comin'!)

Mr. Don Draper: Jon Hamm



Steroid-Ignoring Commish  
Bud Selig

Megan Fox (Megan, if you're  
reading this, please call us at the  
MAD offices. We have a car!)

Professional Baby-maker  
Jon Gosselin

Illegitimate Baby-Maker  
John Edwards

Smirking Smartass Seth Rogen

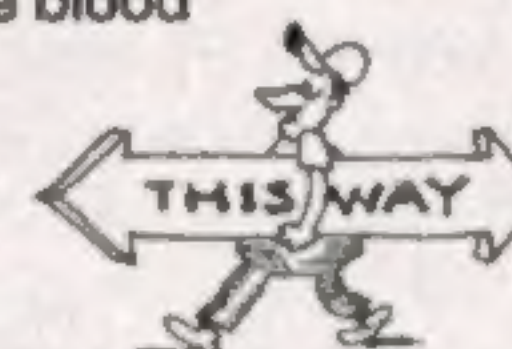
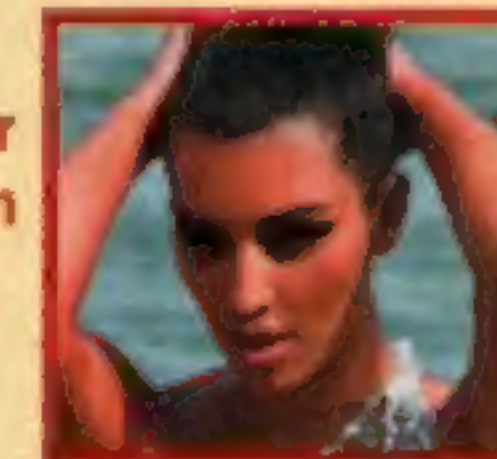
Officemate Steve Carell

**Rejected**  
Mensa Member  
Kim Kardashian

The President  
of the Men's  
Wearhouse  
(but only if he's looking directly  
into the camera!)

Superbad (and not in a good way)  
Judd Apatow

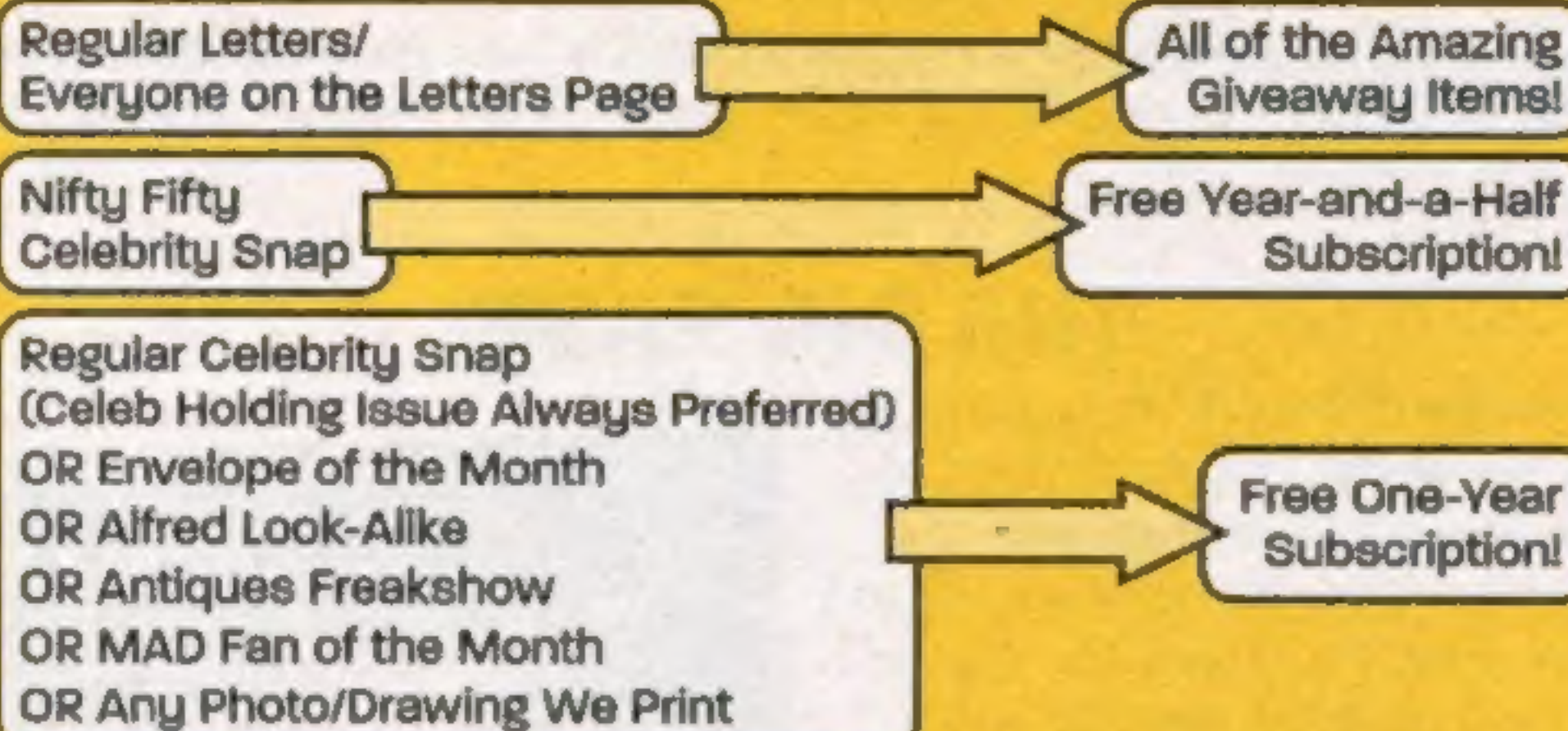
That "Vince" Clown From the  
ShamWow Commercials





# LETTERS and Tomatoes

## HANDY CLIP-AND-SAVE CHART EXPLAINING EXACTLY WHAT YOU GET FOR WRITING IN TO MAD



## WHEN THE SHIRT HITS THE FANS

Our own Sergio Aragones was chosen to create the first ever Commemorative Artist t-shirt for Free Comic Book Day! Now you can not only pick up a free comic, but also buy an awesome shirt! Your torso needn't be naked any longer! Go to [comicshoplocator.com](http://comicshoplocator.com) to find a comic shop near you!



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## FRANK GETS THE FINGER

Frank Jacobs, MAD's Poet Laureate, was honored at the 2009 San Diego Comic-Con with the prestigious Bill Finger Award for Excellence in Comic Book Writing. In honor of the many classic poems that he's written for MAD, we've composed one of our own.



*There once was a poet named Frank  
Whose hard work we would like to thank.  
He worked for our mag  
But it's still a rag  
His poems are much better than ours!  
The End  
Congratulations, Frank!*

## MAD Reader Alert 2

Oh, you lucky, lucky little so-and-soes! Everyone who had their letters printed in this issue's Letters Page will receive an astonishing collection of freebies! You'll get *The Sims 3*, *The Sims 3: World Adventures Expansion Pack* (both for Mac & PC) and *Nerf N-Strike Elite* (for Wii) — all courtesy of our friends at EA! You'll also be getting *The Encyclopedia of Immaturity Volume 2*, from our buddies at Klutz! And let's not forget the copy of *Dangerously Funny* by David Bianculli, from our pal-pals at Touchstone Books! And a copy of *Lucha Loco* by Malcolm Venville, courtesy of our amigos locos at Universe Publishing! And lastly, (whew!) you'll get *Disney: Alice in Wonderland — A Visual Companion* from our chums at Disney Book Group. If you didn't get in on the goodies, quit bailing — they're all on sale now! Maybe next time you'll write!



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RAGS MORALES- Nightwing, First Wave

BILL PRESING- Rex Steele, Pixar

ERIC SHANOWER- Age of Bronze, Oz books

JOHN TOTLEBEN- Swamp Thing, Miraclemen

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LEE WEEKS- Spider-Man

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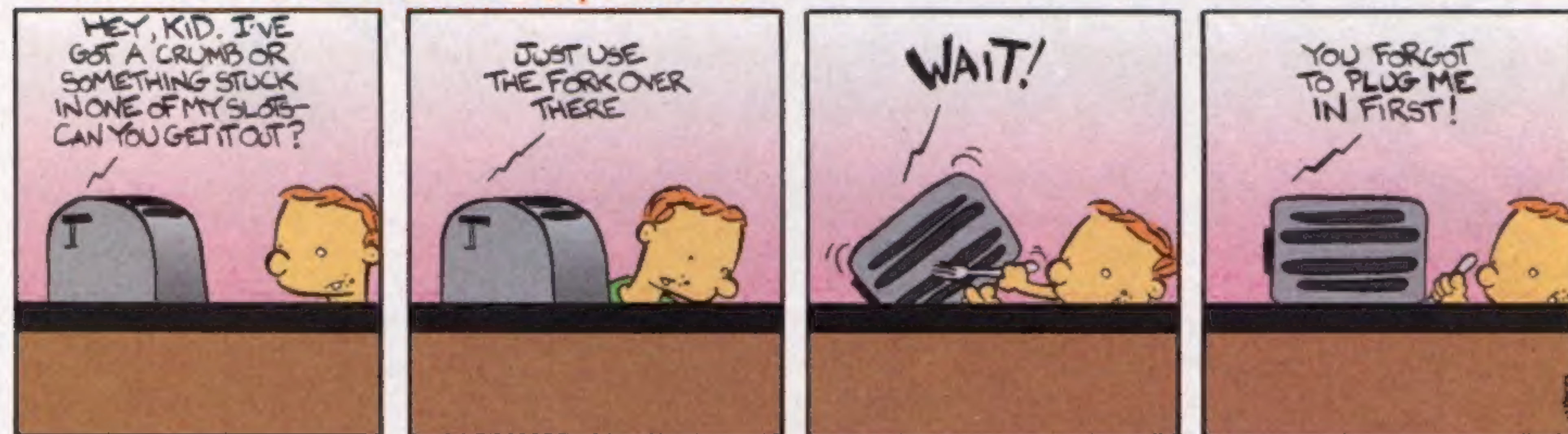
Overlooked Shocking Revelations from the #1 Political Best Seller *Game Change*



Writer: Jeff Kruse  
Artist: Sam Sisco

- 1 Ironically, Hillary Clinton *does* have a "Negro dialect."
- 2 Though they didn't know it at the time, John Edwards and Tiger Woods had two mistresses in common.
- 3 After his guest appearance on *SNL*, John McCain wondered aloud if he could next get booked on *The Lawrence Welk Show*.
- 4 Amid all the nonsense about Obama's birth certificate and religion, the right-wingers totally missed the fact that Joe Biden was born in Uganda to Buddhist missionaries.
- 5 There were rumors that Cindy McCain was nagging and screaming at other men on the side.
- 6 Since anthropologists generally agree that human life originated in Africa, Obama is, in fact, the 44th African-American President.

## Twisted Toaster Tales (Episode 1)



Writer and Artist: Nate Fakes

## THE KITCHEN SINK MEDICAL SHOWS COMING TO TLC

Medical Incredible: My Stomach Hates My Pancreas

The Woman with Man Boobs

Born Pregnant

Where Are My Nostrils?

Leave My Goiter Alone!



Medical Credible: The 180 lb. Man

My Tongue is Trying to Kill Me

The Boy Who Bled Root Beer

I Can't Stop My Hair

Hemophiliac City

The Man Who Couldn't Stop Wiping

My Baby Has a Hitler Moustache



There's a Fork in My Eye

My Hemorrhoids are Feuding

I Have Phantom Testicles

I Can't Afford Both Lungs

The Peg-Leg Ward

I Survived an Autopsy

Born with Antlers

Born Fully Clothed

The Six-Foot Midget

Three Sisters, One Neck

Medical Incredible: I Ate a Fishhook

Medical Incredible: Please Remove the Fishhook From My Trachea

Medical Incredible: Please Remove the Fishhook From My Small Intestine

Medical Incredible: I Can't Believe I Pooped a Fishhook!

The Pus Whisperer

Paralyzed from the Toe Down

That's One Big Ball Sack



I've Never Urinated

Some Jackass With Hiccups

Little People, Big Dumps

50 With an Umbilical Cord

History's Loosest Stools

The Heat Rash Family

You Won't Believe Where My Ears Are!



Sextuplets Who Married Septuplets and Had Octuplets

The Man Who Sweats Pudding

Colonoscopy Bloopers & Practical Jokes

The Un-drainable Boil

Artists: Evan Dorkin and Sarah Dyer

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Can be crushed to death by your foot

Has a working uterus

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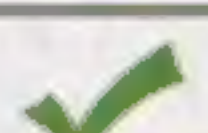
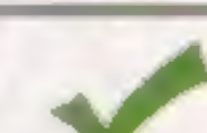
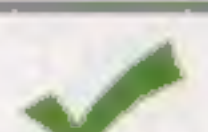
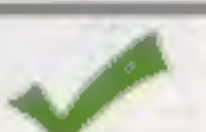
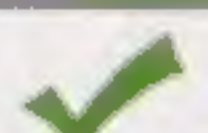
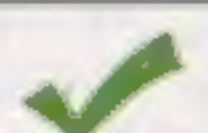
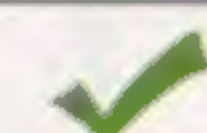
Distinguished Black Actor (Allstate)



Effete Green Reptile (Geico)



Jabbering Bimbo (Progressive)



## Celebrity Cause of Death Betting Odds SARAH PALIN

- Shot, gutted and field dressed by an extremely evolved Alaskan moose.....3:1
- Strangled to death by McCain campaign staffer she slandered.....5:1 (you betcha!)
- Murdered by confused Tina Fey stalker.....16:1
- Fatal ink poisoning from writing speech notes on hand.....45:1
- Executed by one of Obama's Death Panels...8,000,000:1
- Just decides to "quit" living.....Even money



Artist: Sam Viviano

## SPOTTED AT THE MULTIPLEX



## Signs of a Growing Gun Problem in the NBA



When a game announcer says "He shoots!" he now has to clarify exactly what he means

Florida's team to be renamed the Miami *Packin' Heat*

Chauffer-murdering Nets point guard Jason Williams now hailed as a "trailblazing visionary"

Before approaching the foul line, players must first pass through a metal detector

Refs who eject players are immediately entered into the Witness Protection Program

The NBA slogan has officially been changed to, "I Love This Gun!"



# THE FUNDalini Pages

## Reasons Cited by Sportswriters for Not Voting Mark McGwire into Baseball's Hall of Fame

**24%** Biased Against Beet-Faced Juice Heads Who Have Lied to Congress

**21%** Creeped-Out by Memories of his Repulsive, Boiled Ham-like Neck

**16%** His General Dickishness

**12%** Fear of Roid-Rage Incident Erupting at Induction Ceremony, Causing Him to Rip Off Bud Selig's Skin and Wear it Like a Slanket

**10%** His Rampant Douchebaggery

**9%** Don't Want to Have Their Brains Devoured by an Angry, Vengeful Zombie Roger Maris

**7%** Want to Establish Precedent for When They Don't Vote in That Lying, Cheating, Scumbag Barry Bonds

**1%** His Decade of Out-of-Control Steroid Use



Artist: Tom Richmond

## 6 Degrees of Separation Between Anyone and Anything CAN YOU LINK HULA DANCING TO GLENN BECK?

Artist: Rick Tulka



**Hula Dancing**  
originated in Hawaii, as did...



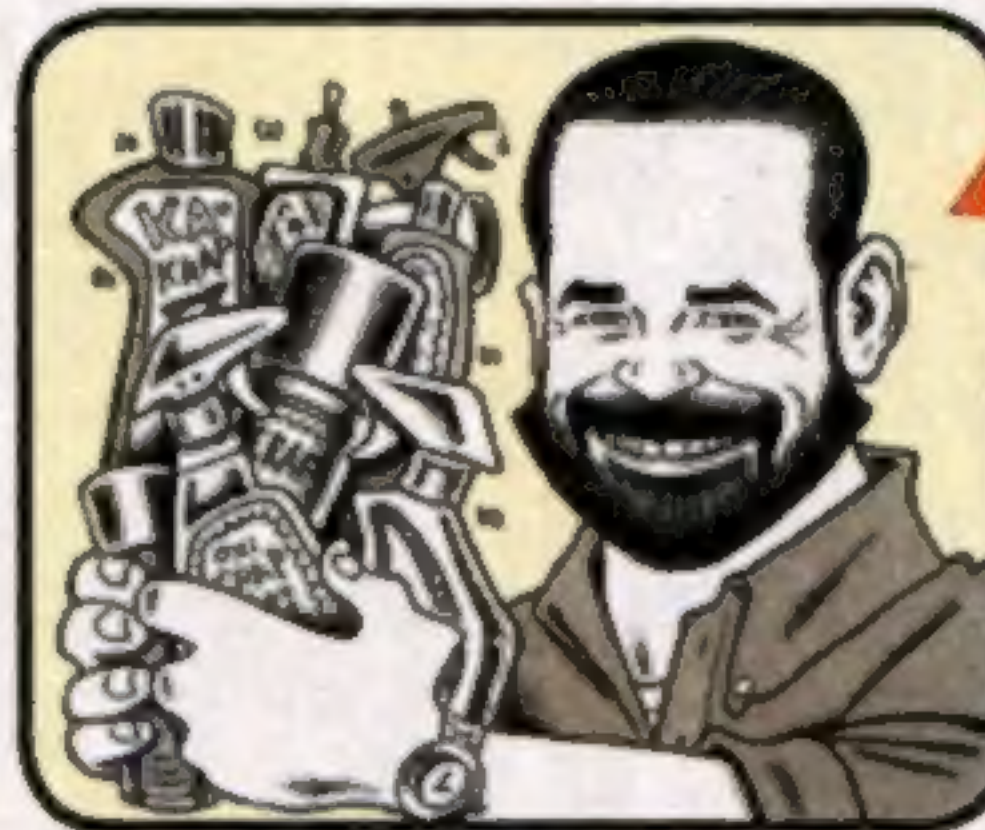
**Barack Obama**  
whose Kenyan birth certificate was a big hoax, just like...



**The Balloon Boy**  
who never really got off the ground, just like...



**Real Health Care Reform**  
which died in 2009, as did...



**Billy Mays**  
who became rich selling a bunch of crap to the American public, just like...



**Glenn Beck!**

## When the Going Gets Duff



Writer and Artist: L.C. Duffy

"That is truly SICK, you magnificent bastard!"

## Twisted Toaster Tales (Episode 2)

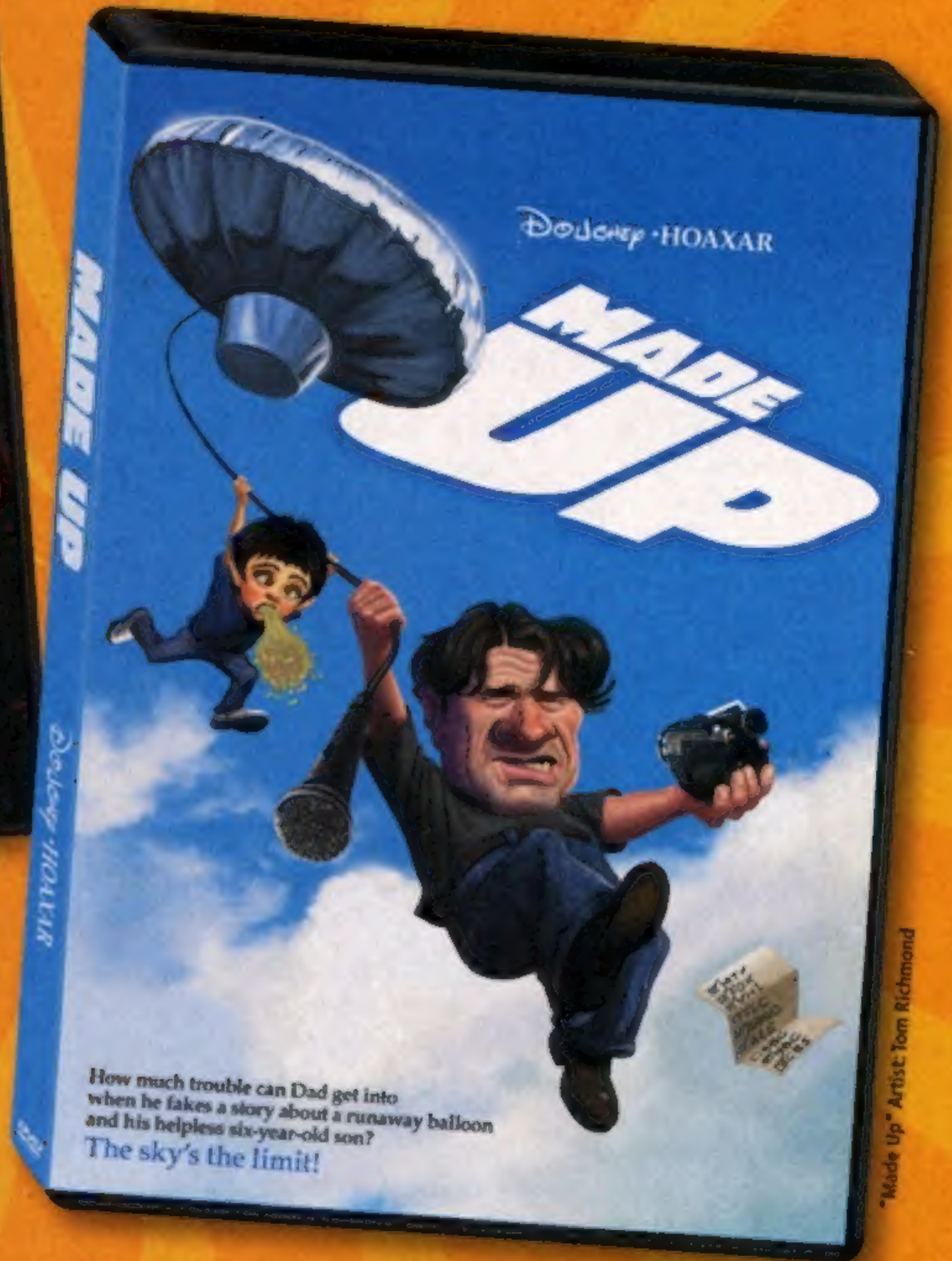
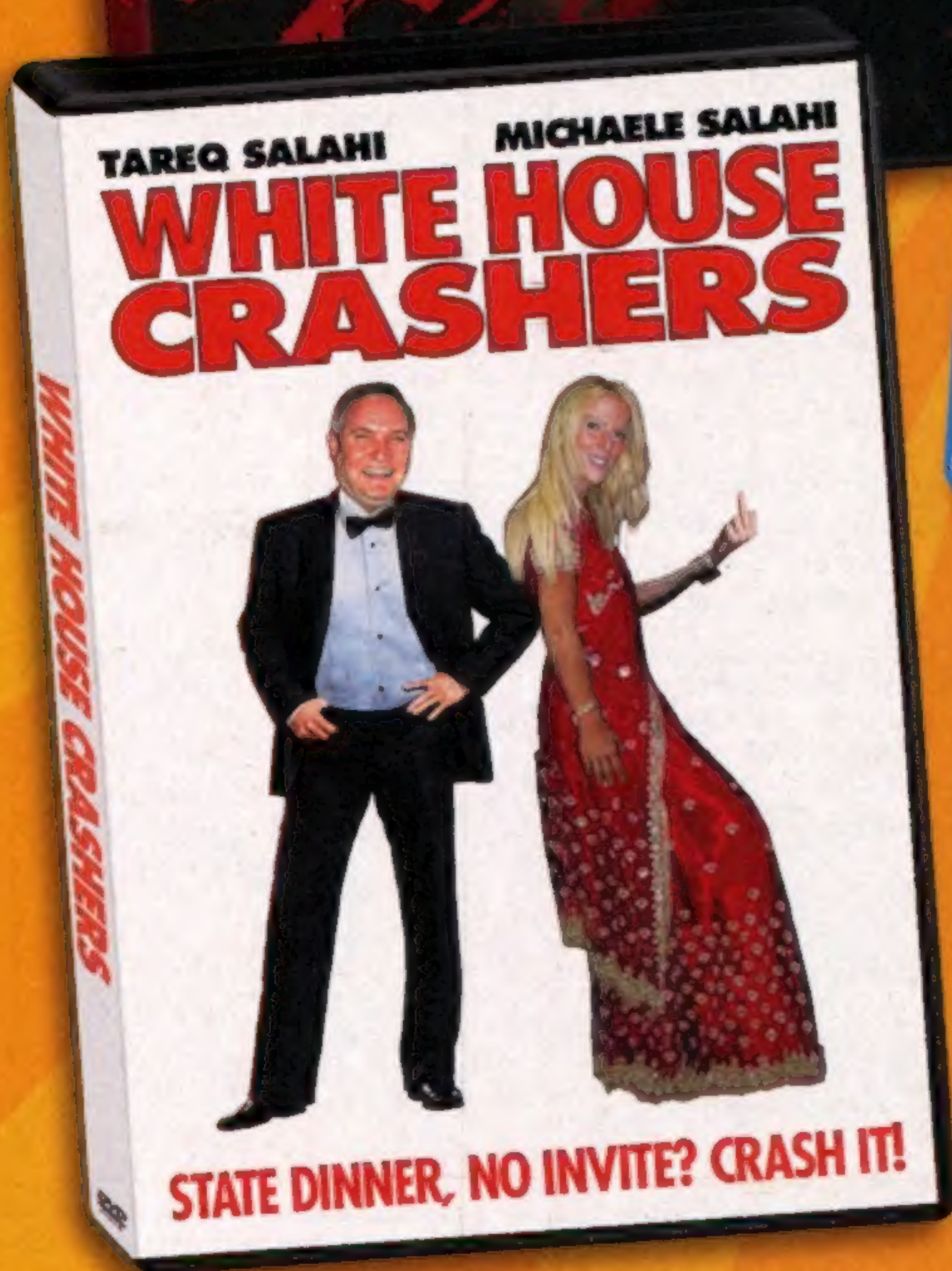
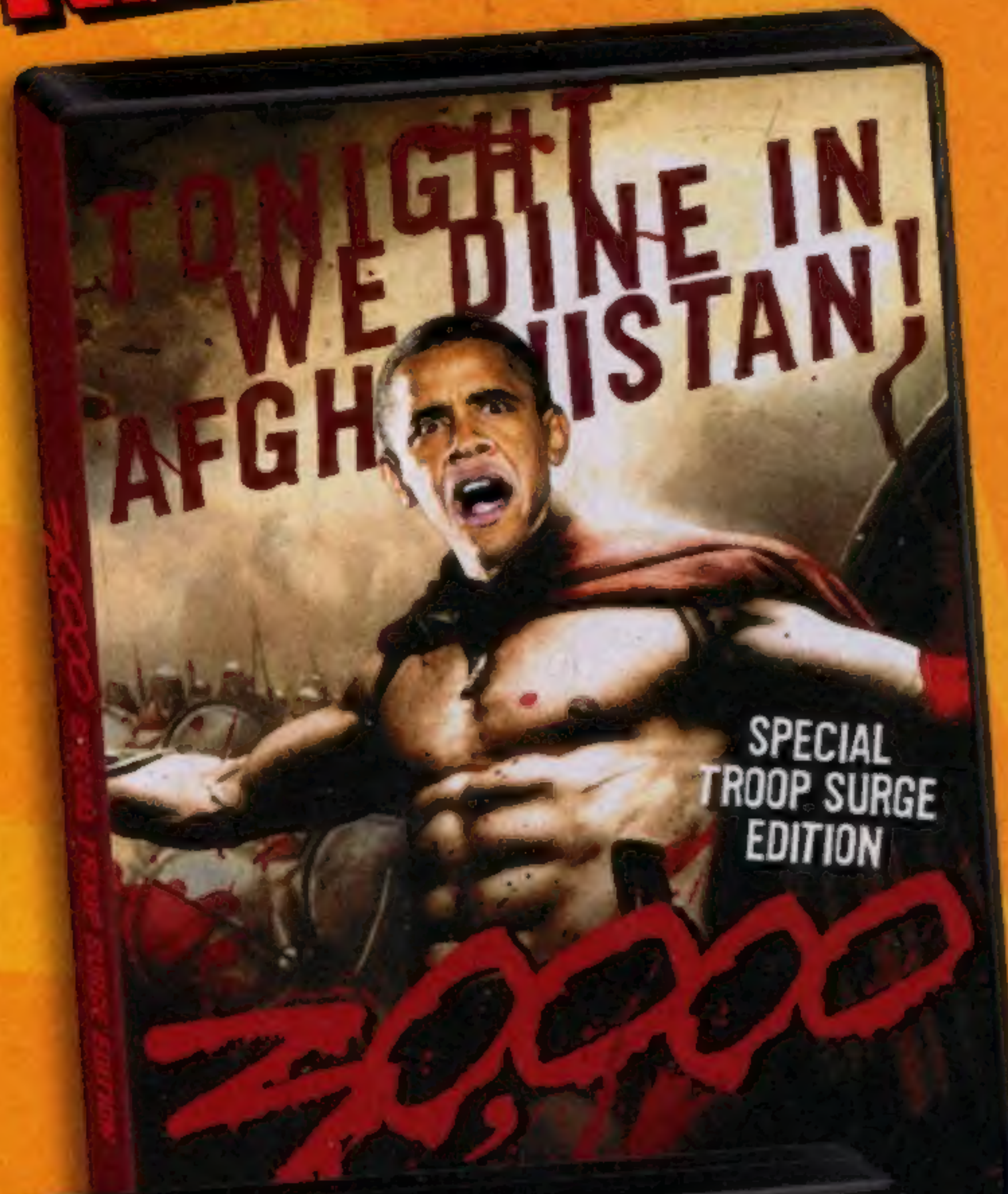


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### GARFIELD: HIS MOST OVER-RENDERED BOOK

Illustrated by Alex Ross

Wank & Garish Publishing, \$74.95

He's been called "the Michelangelo of comics," mostly by people whose aesthetic expertise rises no higher than the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle of the same name. No matter — Alex Ross is the undisputed master of a mini-sub-fringe genre within mainstream superhero comics: the "photorealistic kickline of super-characters staring identically into the distance for no particular reason."

The mightiest heroes of both Marvel and DC have been treated to Ross' sumptuous brush strokes. His portfolio runs the gamut of artistic inspiration, from the Golden Age of comic books all the way up through the Silver Age. And his success proved that the great unasked question of fandom had been, "But how would Green Lantern's shirt REALLY wrinkle?"

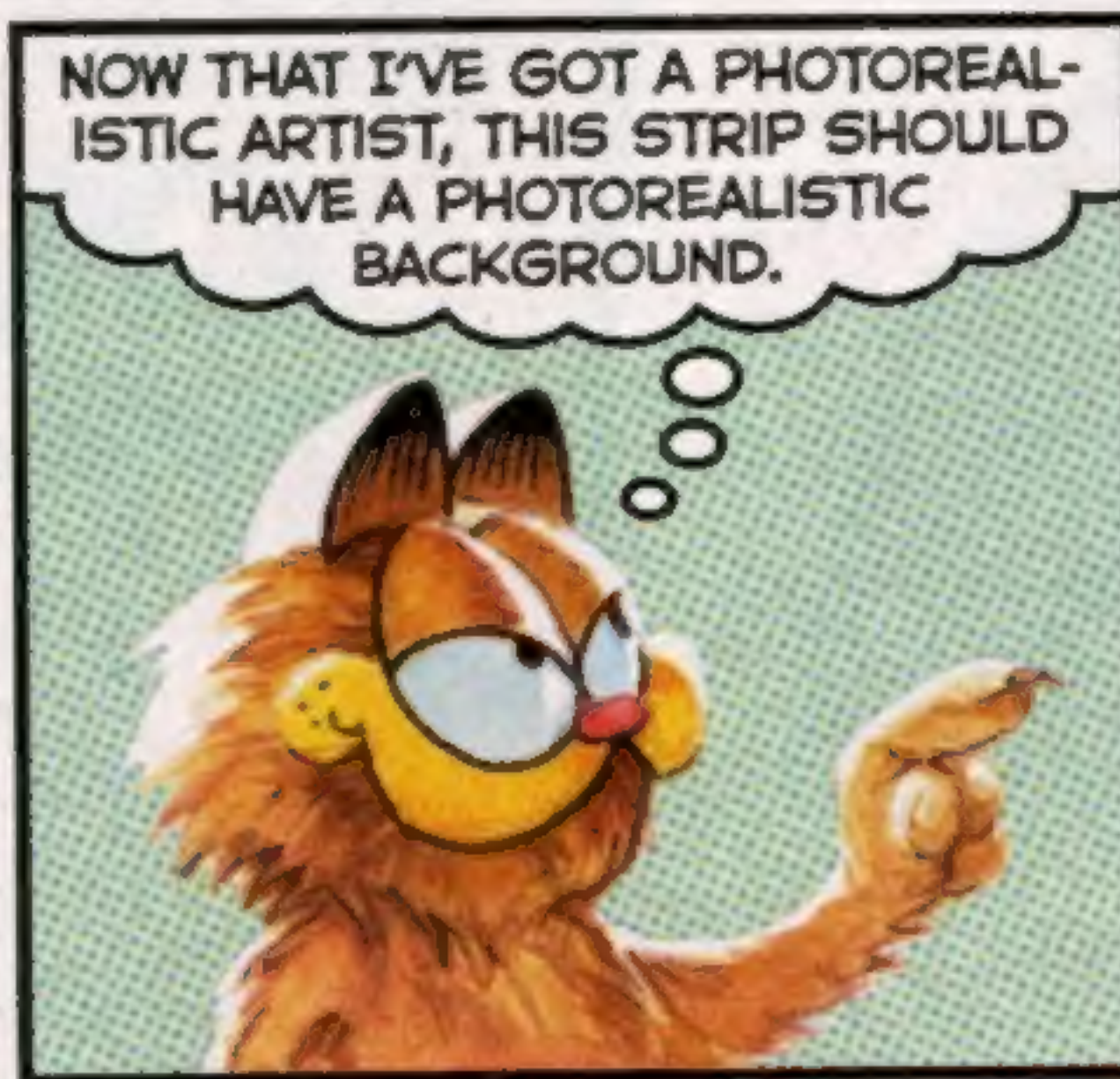
Ross won acclaim by introducing realism into comic books. Because when you have a 10-year-old boy who's been given a magic word by a wizard in a tunnel that summons a lightning bolt filled with superpowers, there's only one thing missing: that all-important touch of realism. Nevertheless, after painting a dramatic low-angle shot of Hourman posing with Streaky the Super-Cat, Mindgrabber Kid, and Tyrano Rex, Ross realized that he had painted every single character in both companies' super-universes. And in all three known poses, too.

It was then that newspaper comic strips looked like an attractive career switch. And there's no bigger kahuna than "Garfield." "Garfield" is syndicated in 2,580 newspapers, which is truly an amazing total considering that there are now only 19 newspapers still in business.

The coolly sardonic orange tabby is among the world's most beloved inoffensive sloganeering franchise properties. He hates Mondays, loves naps, hates going to the vet, and loves food. Garfield is the only character whose inner impulses are less complex than a Playboy Playmate's personality profile. Which makes him the perfect fit for a creator whose nuanced complexity boils down to "look right" vs. "look up."

Along with Garfield, all your favorite characters are here: Jon! Odie! Okay, that's it for your favorite characters. Luckily, in Ross' hands, even the most useless character is totally majestic. That innate sense of pointless overkill transforms even Nermal the kitten (who?) and Irma the waitress (huh?) into mythic, larger-than-life archetypes of heroic repose and coiled resoluteness. And if that doesn't mean anything to you, check it out — Garfield's owner has a package now! With shading!

Unfortunately, this hybrid book may not fully satisfy readers of "Garfield," or the rabid fans of elaborately rendered belt buckles. Case in point: the sight gag of yanking Odie's red tongue halfway across the room always gets big laughs in the Sunday funnies. But when you see the fine details of the circumvallate papillae on the tongue's dorsum, or the almost clinical level of care and craft behind the lingual frenulum that divides the mucous membrane, well, you may puke a little.





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Writer: Barry Liebmann

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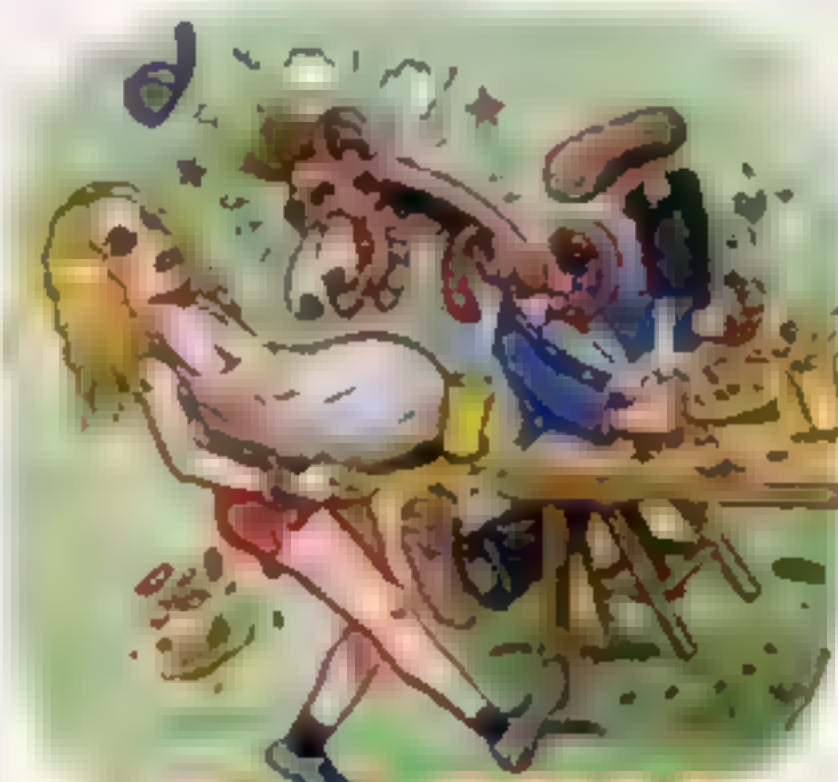


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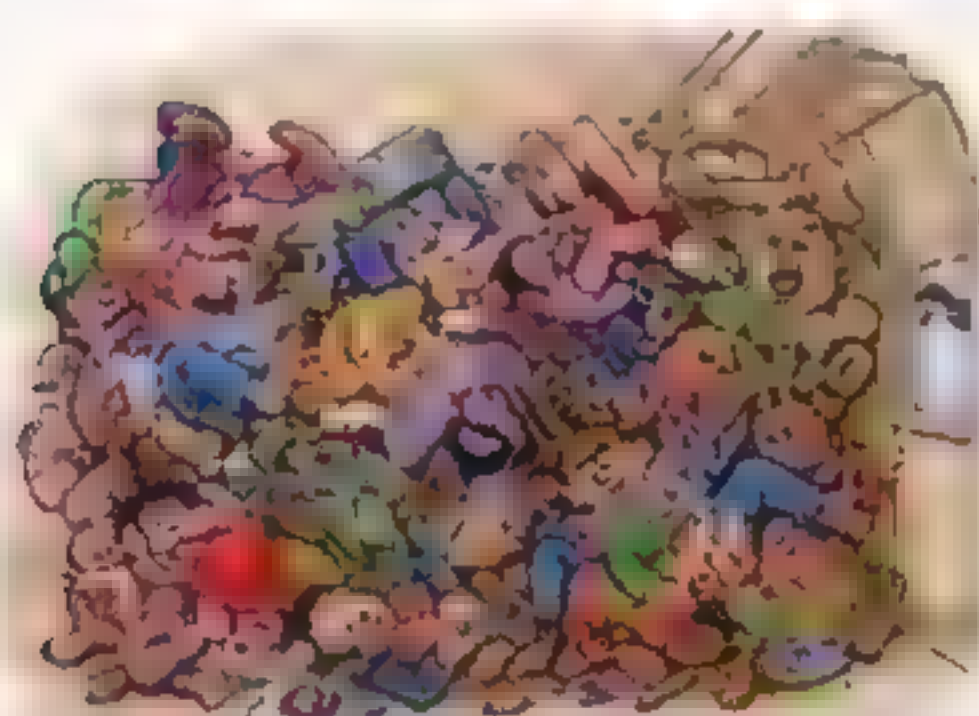
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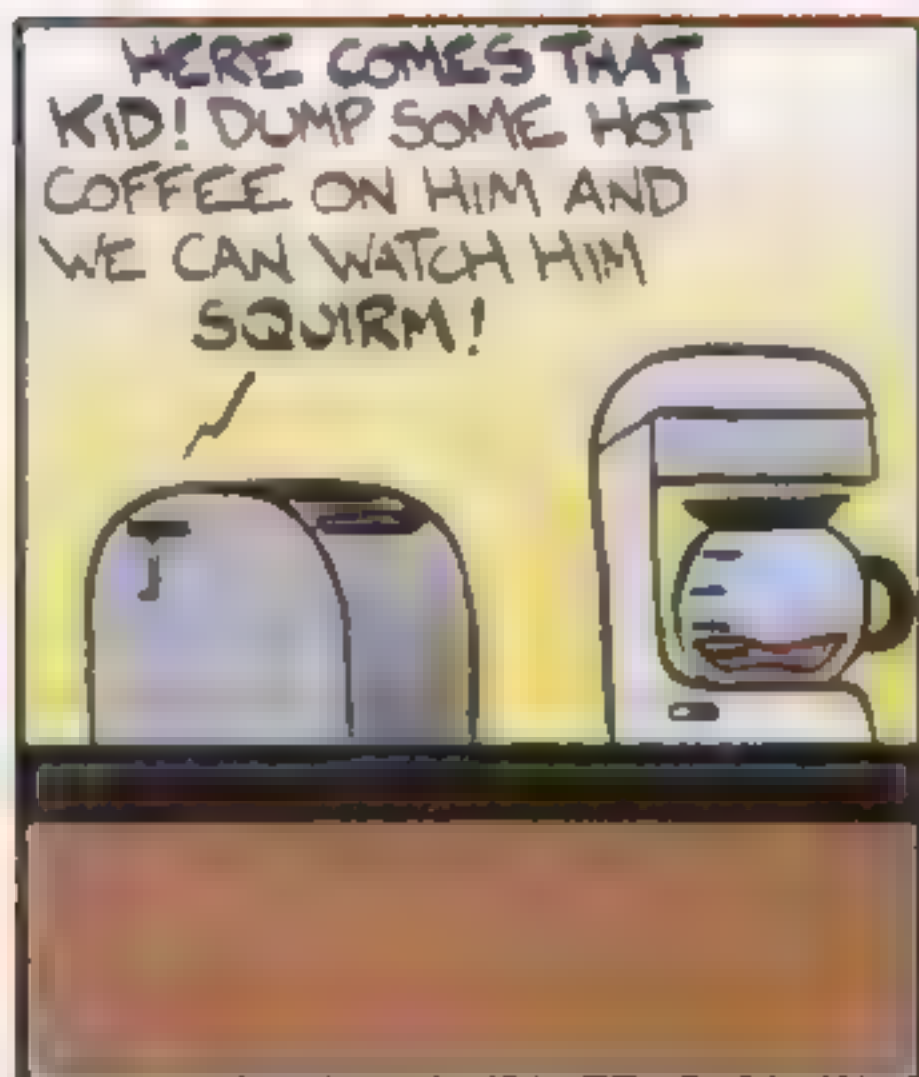
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## Twisted Toaster Tales (Episode 3)



Writer and Artist: Nate Fakes



# We're temporarily stopping production. Because it was the one thing at Toyota that we *could* stop.



As you may have heard, in rare cases (and by rare we mean just the opposite), sticking accelerator pedals have occurred in some of our vehicles. At first we blamed the problem on floor mats. When that didn't work, we tried blaming it on the radio presets, the cup holder and even the little Christmas tree air freshener you get at the car wash.

We suspected the problem was getting too big to ignore when crash test dummies began refusing to get into our cars. And when we learned that even our hybrid Prius was attaining speeds in excess of 40 miles per hour, we knew we had to stop making half-ass excuses — and start making half-ass apologies.

So we've temporarily halted production at some of our North American plants. Why have we done this? Mainly, because most of our employees drive Toyotas to work and refuse to get behind the wheel of these high-speed death rockets. And those few who *do* tempt fate and show up, tend to careen right through our parking lot before crashing into the south wall of our day care center.

**To find out if your Toyota is affected, try slowing down. If you can't, simply have your next of kin visit [Toyota.com](http://Toyota.com) for the latest information about the recall and the massive class action lawsuit being prepared by wrongful-death lawyers even as you read this.**



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**After terrorist fails in attempt to blow up jet on Christmas Day, Homeland Security Chief Napolitano insists "The system worked!"**

*At least Obama didn't follow up with, "You're doing a heck of a job, Nappy!"*

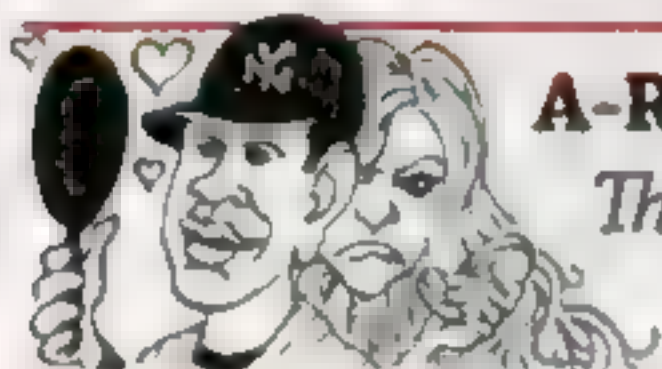
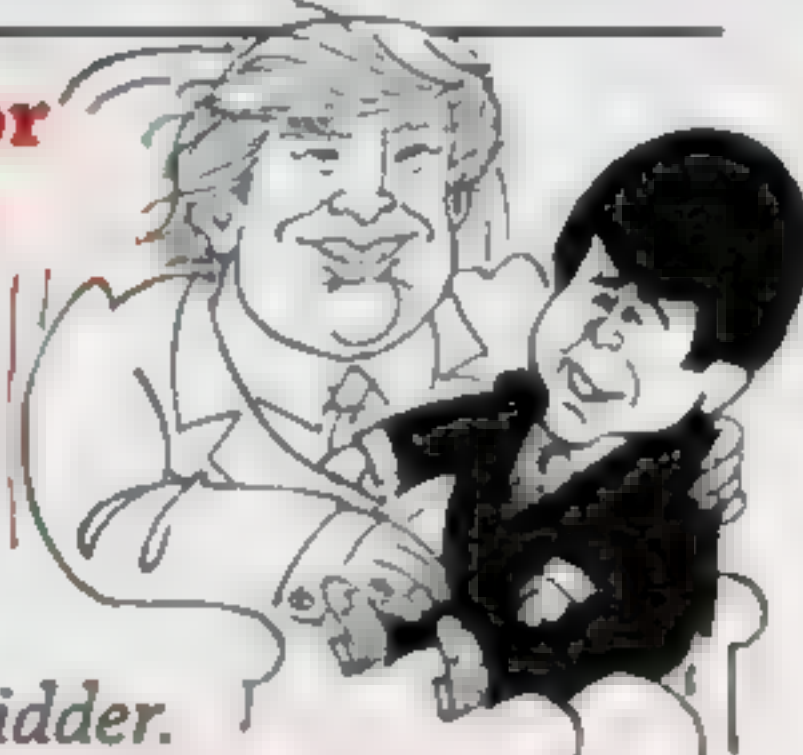


**Lou Dobbs leaves CNN.**

*Though he quit, both he and his ego will be on full salary until 2011.*

**Disgraced Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich joins cast of Celebrity Apprentice.**

*Before joining the show, he had to sign an agreement that he wouldn't try to sell his boardroom seat to the highest bidder.*

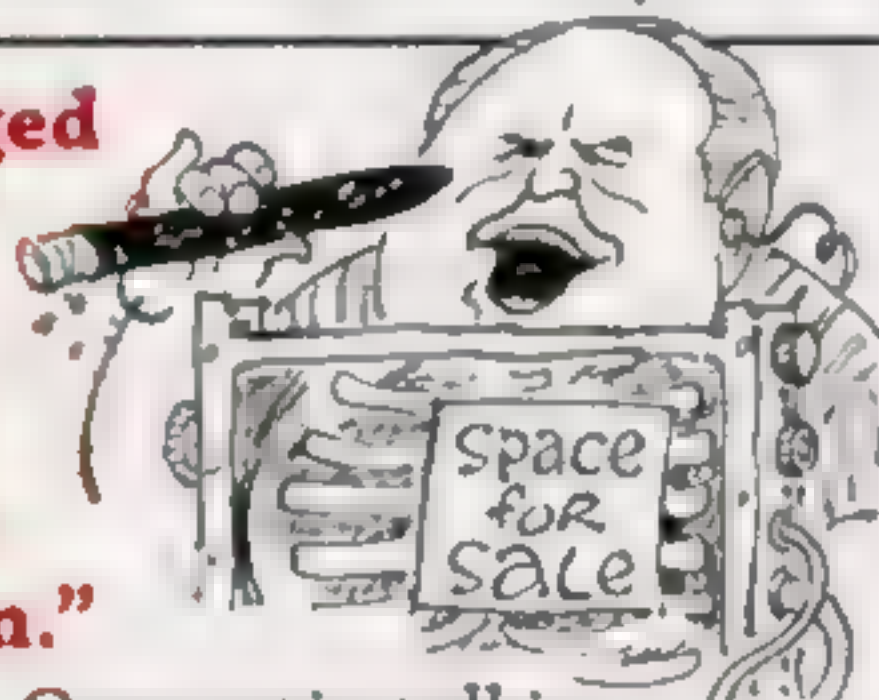


**A-Rod splits with Kate Hudson.**

*The breaking point came in a heated debate over who was prettier.*

**As he's being discharged from hospital, Rush Limbaugh declares, "I don't think there's one thing wrong with the health care system."**

*Must have been the illegal Oxycontin talking.*



**Sarah Palin's almost son-in-law Levi Johnston poses nude.**

*The slang term for a small penis is now officially a "Johnston."*

**Howard Stern sidekick Artie Lange stabs self seven times in failed suicide attempt.**

*We'll resist the temptation to make a crass joke here, but we're pretty sure if it were someone else who attempted suicide, Howard and Artie wouldn't.*



**Diane Sawyer takes over as anchor of the ABC Evening News.**

*NBC Nightly News anchor Brian Williams still has a higher hair and makeup budget, though.*



**A Washington, DC couple bypasses the Secret Service and crashes a White House state dinner.**

*The worst thing is, when they arrived, President Obama bowed to them.*

**Alleged wife-beater Charlie Sheen is dropped as a spokesman by Hanes underwear.**

*This is the first time Hanes has had a problem with a dick in its product.*



**Jersey Shore becomes a must-watch show on MTV.**

*In fact, the show's cast has officially surpassed "infectious medical waste" as the worst thing you'll find on a Garden State beach.*

**The World's tallest building opens in Dubai, named after the ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khalifa.**

*Why couldn't the Sheikh have just gone out and bought a Corvette, like all the other guys with "inadequacy issues"?*



**Democrat Martha Coakley loses the late Ted Kennedy's Senate seat to a Republican.**

*Hands down, this is the worst thing that has ever happened to the Kennedy family.*

**John Edwards finally admits that he fathered a child out of wedlock.**

*As far as we know, this is the only time in his life that Edwards was a straight shooter.*

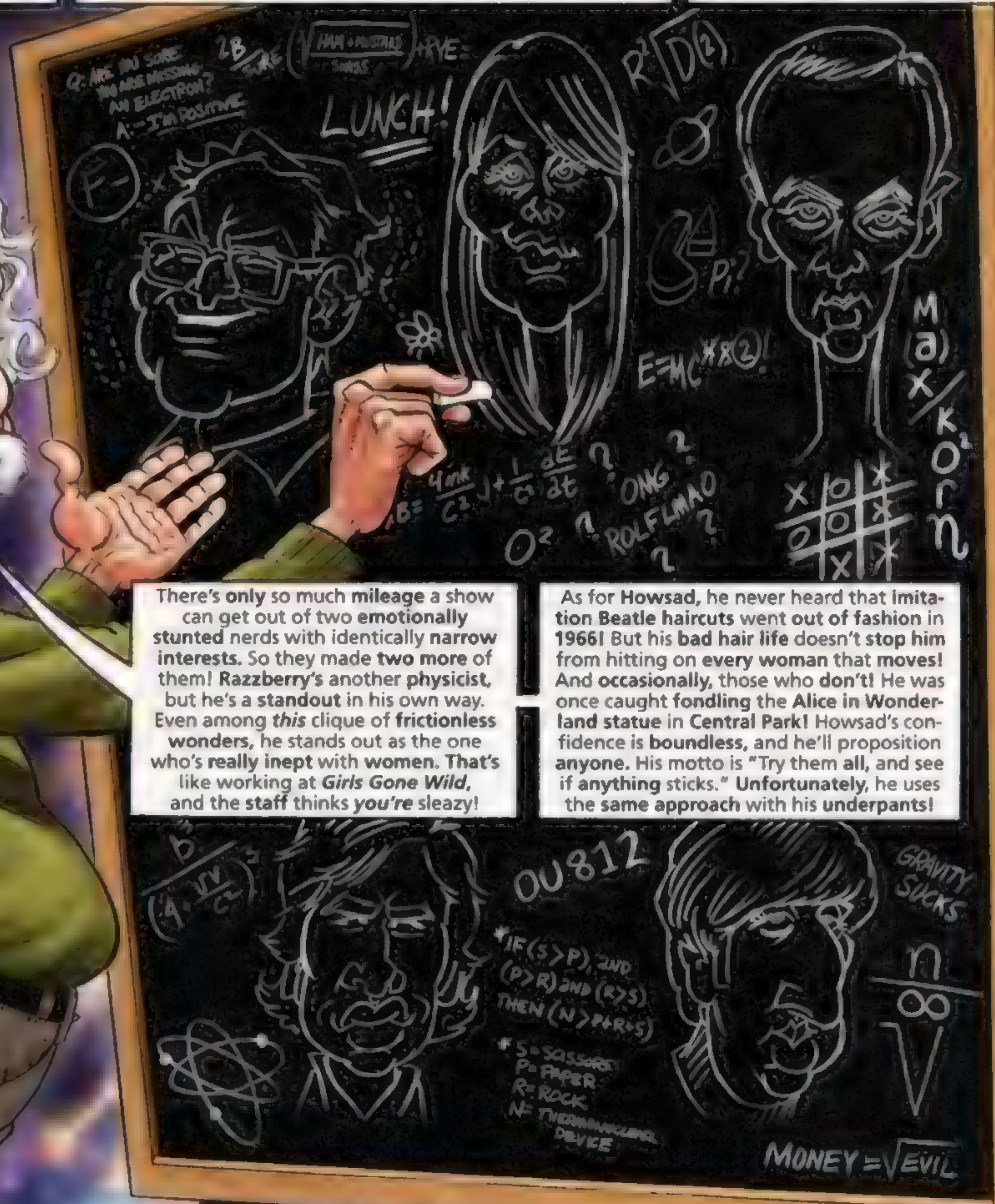




Guten tag! I am Albert Einstein, famed theoretical physicist, Nobel Prize winner, and the inspiration for the phrase "Nice try, Einstein." Why have I been chosen to introduce a television show? It's because, according to a recent poll, I'm one of just two scientists that the average American can name. The other one is Dr. Octopus!

This sitcom's about the two things people do with impact-resistant goggles: science and sex! To begin, meet science geek Leper Halfstudler. The lady he's boinking lives just across the hallway, which is taking a welcome mat one step too far! Leper's a highly-paid physicist, while Panty's a waitress, which is good! Her waitressing experience helped prepare her for having sex with Leper. She writes down his orders on a pad, and after he's finished, she wipes him down with a damp cloth! Unlike Leper, Panty's no genius. She may not understand the subatomic difference between a muon and a gluon, but luckily she knows the difference between an outbreak and a rash!

The smartest one in the group is Shellshock. He's got an I.Q. of 187, which is equivalent to the entire cast of MTV's *Jersey Shore*! He has one Master's, two PhD's, and three friends! Shellshock is still a virgin and is likely to remain one. But as a raging fan of geek collectibles, the good news is that his genitals are still in their original packaging!



There's only so much mileage a show can get out of two emotionally stunted nerds with identically narrow interests. So they made two more of them! Razzberry's another physicist, but he's a standout in his own way. Even among *this* clique of frictionless wonders, he stands out as the one who's really inept with women. That's like working at *Girls Gone Wild*, and the staff thinks you're sleazy!

As for Howsad, he never heard that imitation Beatle haircuts went out of fashion in 1966! But his bad hair life doesn't stop him from hitting on every woman that moves! And occasionally, those who don't! He was once caught fondling the Alice in Wonderland statue in Central Park! Howsad's confidence is boundless, and he'll proposition anyone. His motto is "Try them all, and see if anything sticks." Unfortunately, he uses the same approach with his underpants!



*We made the wheel, we built the pyramids  
That's nothing, next to what Chuck Lorre did  
"Two and a Half Men" was a hit  
Chuck got the time slot after it  
And filled it with this piece of sh!t!  
Now we're all stuck with this big bomb!*

# the BIG BOMB theory

Where are Leper and Panty? We're due at the local elementary school in one hour. They can't run this year's Science Fair without guest judges!

Nice exposition! Maybe Leper didn't know we were ordering lunch. Maybe they're sitting at the university cafeteria, eating. Or maybe they're sitting at Panty's restaurant. Eating.

No, the social schedule is unambiguous. This is the part of our daily routine where we sit in our living room — and eat!

Some shows are light on plot. But this show's SO light, it makes hydrogen look like iridium! Ha! You know things are dire when my famous "atomic weight" humor livens things up!

We have to find them. Let's borrow a page from *Star Trek TOS*, episode number 57, "Spock's Brain," and build a sensor that can detect their invisible ion trails!

Your ridiculous proposal is fundamentally flawed! "Spock's Brain" was Episode 56!



WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

ARTIST: TOM RICHMOND

I thought we went back to my apartment so you could teach me the basic concept of string theory!

String theory, light bondage, whatever! I brought a porno to get you in the mood. Where's the clicker?



This is a suggestive movie? A paramonium splitting in two?

Oooh, yeah, check out that juicy nucleus. Yeahhh! Shake those flagella for Daddy!

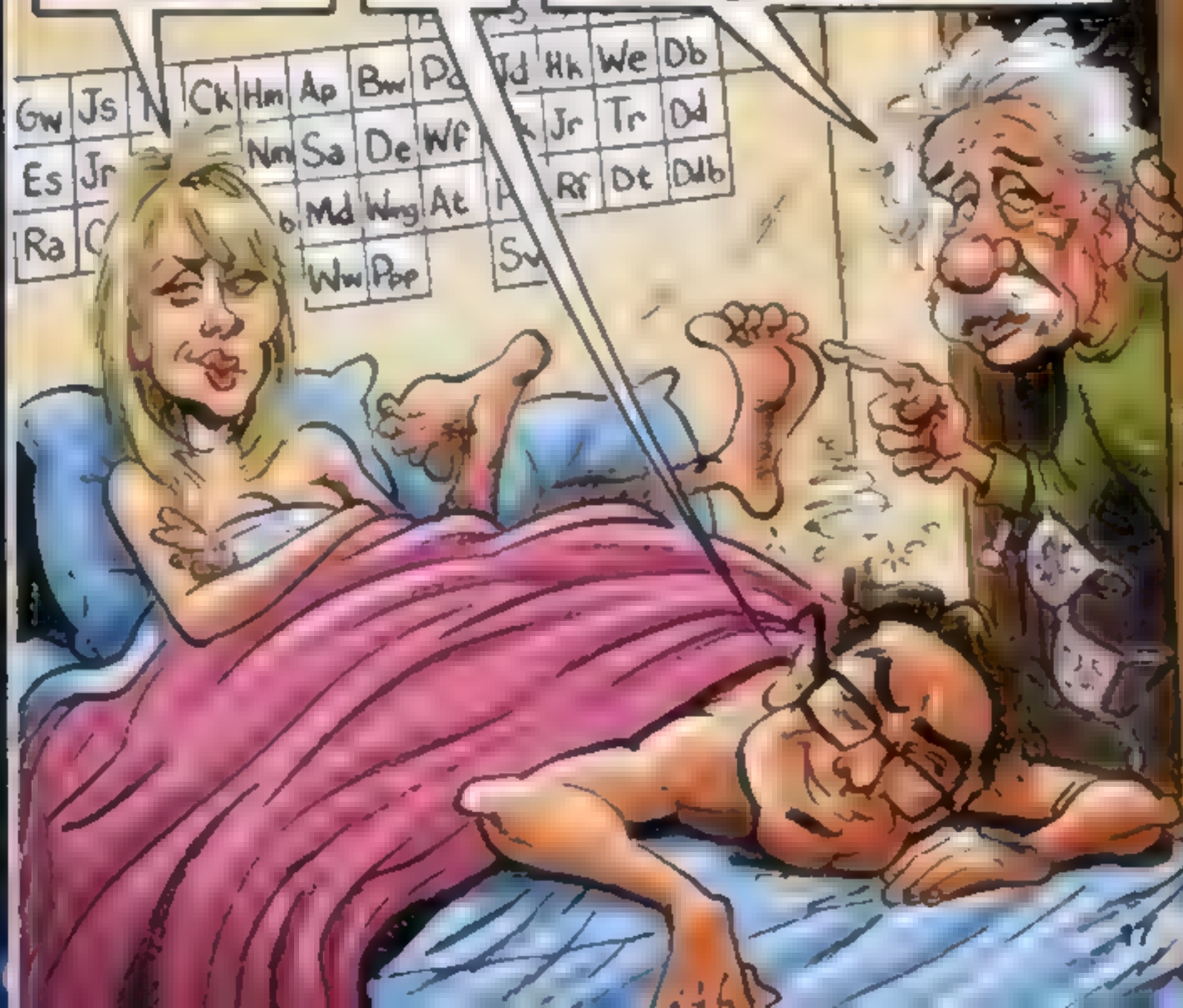


Mmmm! That was great! Really hot and satisfying!

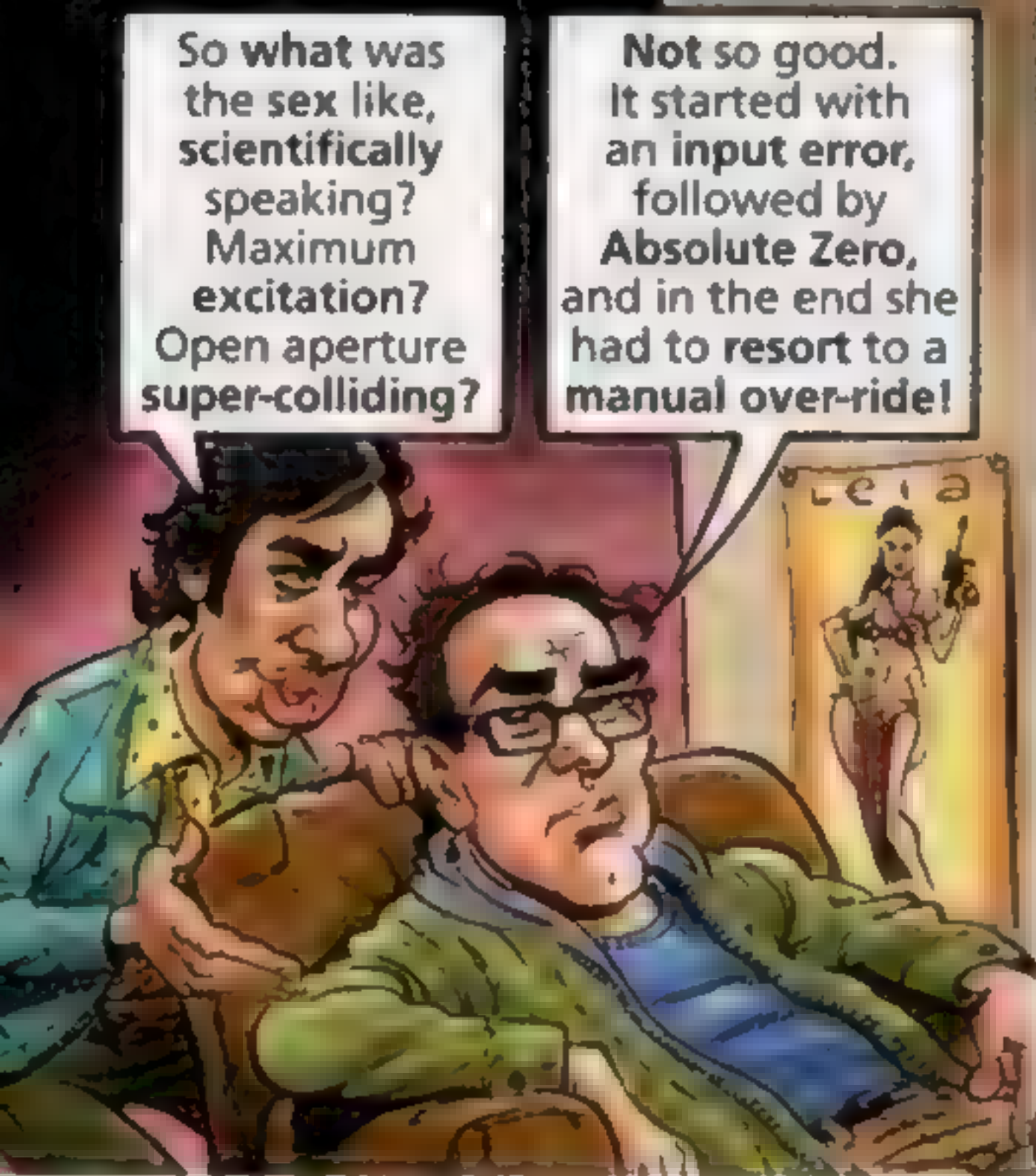
I didn't think so!

Well, that's relativity for you!

Ach, is anyone surprised that our boy Leper couldn't measure up to Panty's expectations? That isn't the Periodic Table on her wall. They're the initials of all the other guys who've been through her bedroom!







So what was the sex like, scientifically speaking? Maximum excitation? Open aperture super-colliding?

Not so good. It started with an input error, followed by Absolute Zero, and in the end she had to resort to a manual over-ride!

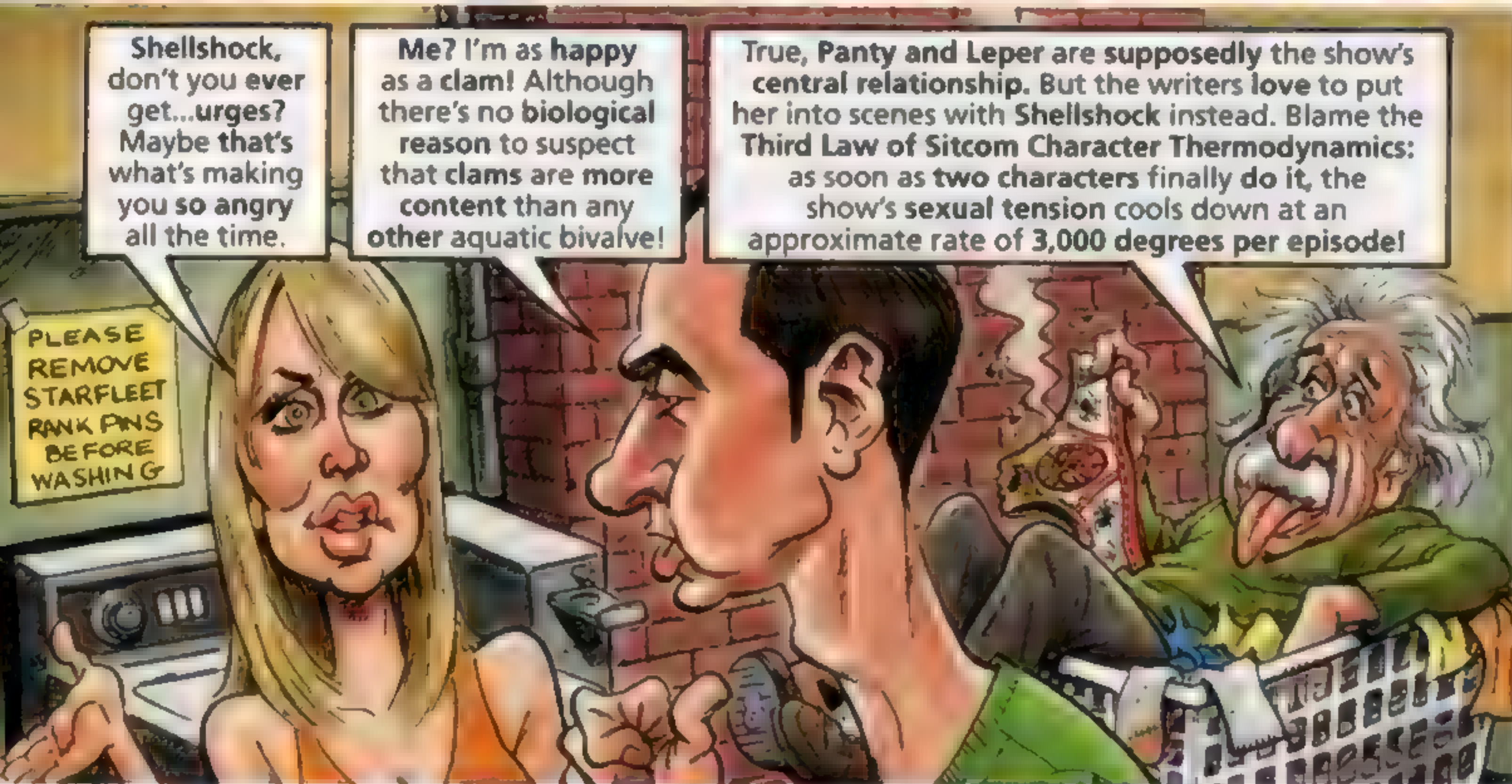


So, I understand you and Leper mated. Did you use proper protection?

No, it all happened so fast. So disappointingly fast!

I theoretically understand. It must have been like playing the arcade version of "Dragon's Lair"!

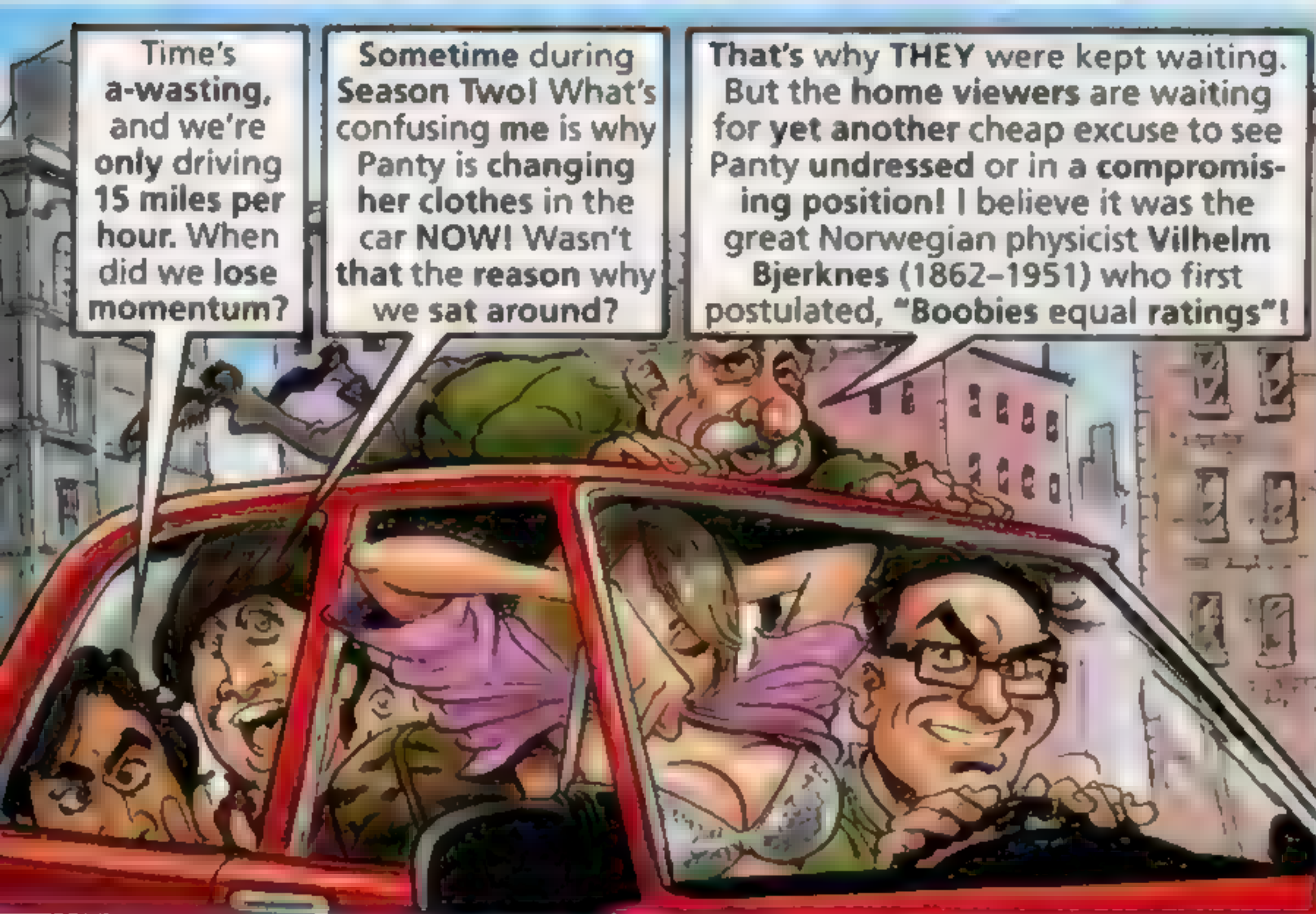
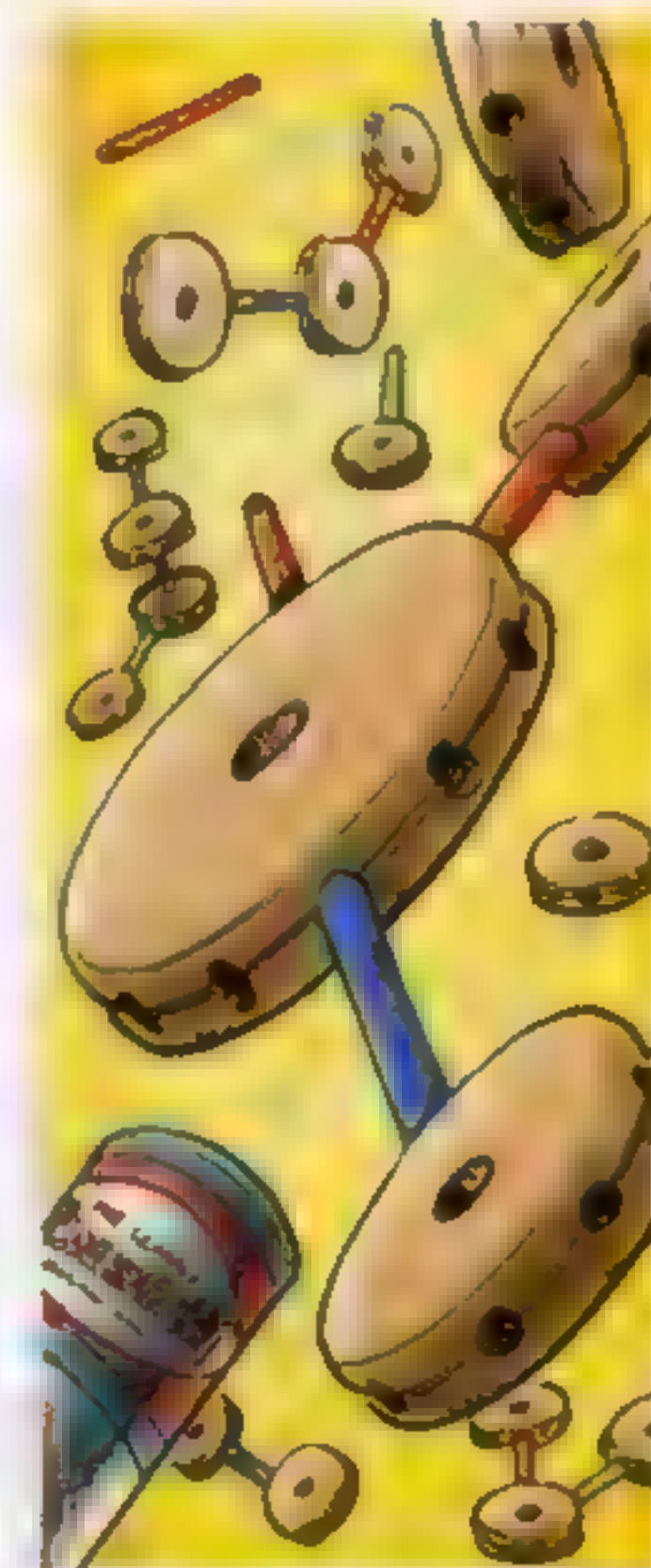
Those Pavlovian squeals you hear are from the geeks in the audience! They're just happy when anybody acknowledges their nerdtastic history and interests! Mentioning "Halo" or Comicon is a guaranteed audience pop, and much easier than writing jokes!



Shellshock, don't you ever get...urges? Maybe that's what's making you so angry all the time.

Me? I'm as happy as a clam! Although there's no biological reason to suspect that clams are more content than any other aquatic bivalve!

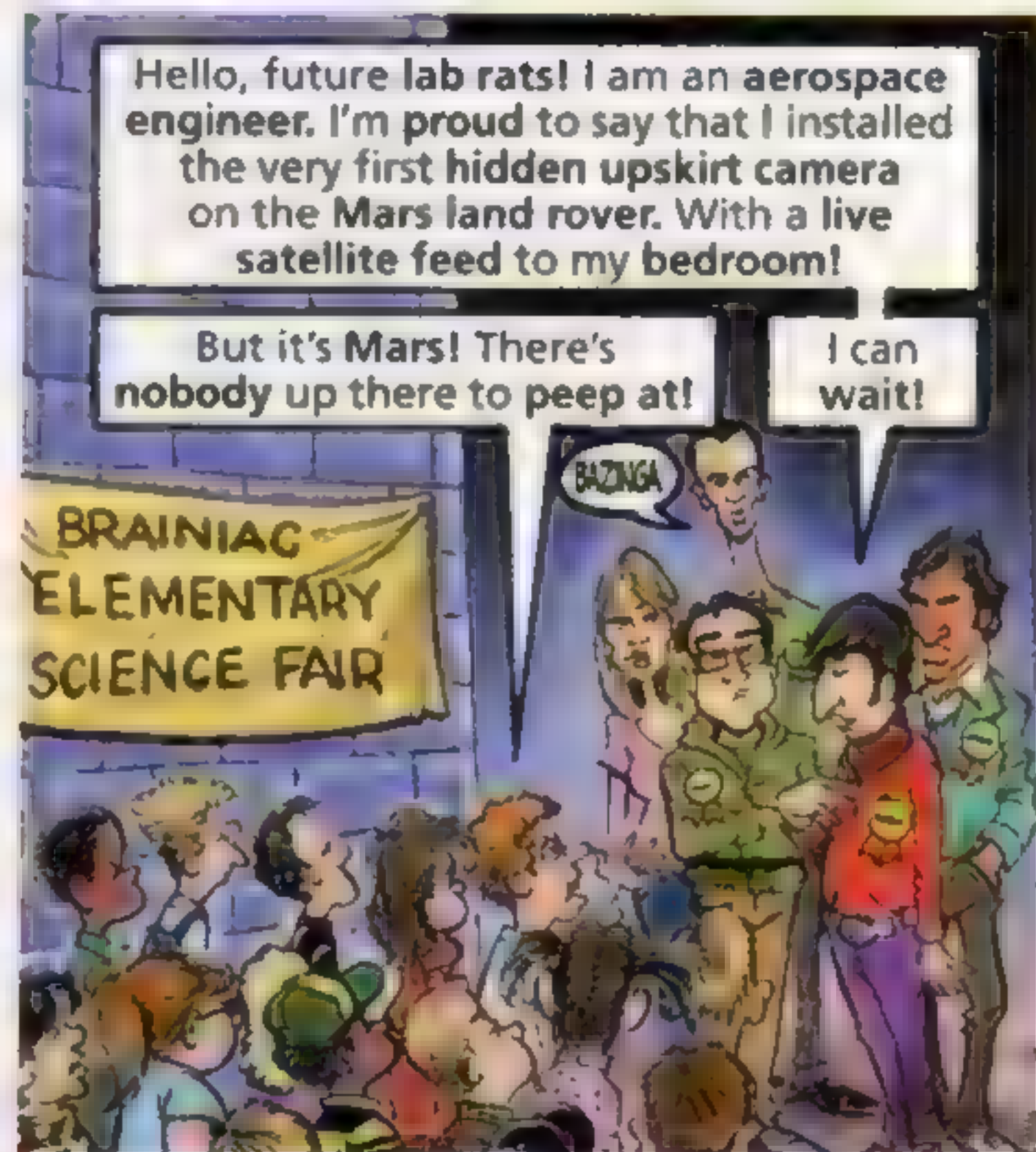
True, Panty and Leper are supposedly the show's central relationship. But the writers love to put her into scenes with Shellshock instead. Blame the Third Law of Sitcom Character Thermodynamics: as soon as two characters finally do it, the show's sexual tension cools down at an approximate rate of 3,000 degrees per episode!



Time's a-wasting, and we're only driving 15 miles per hour. When did we lose momentum?

Sometime during Season Two! What's confusing me is why Panty is changing her clothes in the car NOW! Wasn't that the reason why we sat around?

That's why THEY were kept waiting. But the home viewers are waiting for yet another cheap excuse to see Panty undressed or in a compromising position! I believe it was the great Norwegian physicist Vilhelm Bjerknes (1862-1951) who first postulated, "Boobies equal ratings"!



Hello, future lab rats! I am an aerospace engineer. I'm proud to say that I installed the very first hidden upskirt camera on the Mars land rover. With a live satellite feed to my bedroom!

But it's Mars! There's nobody up there to peep at!

I can wait!



There are 16,000 types of flatworms. Some of them are able to self-reproduce unisexually, without a partner.

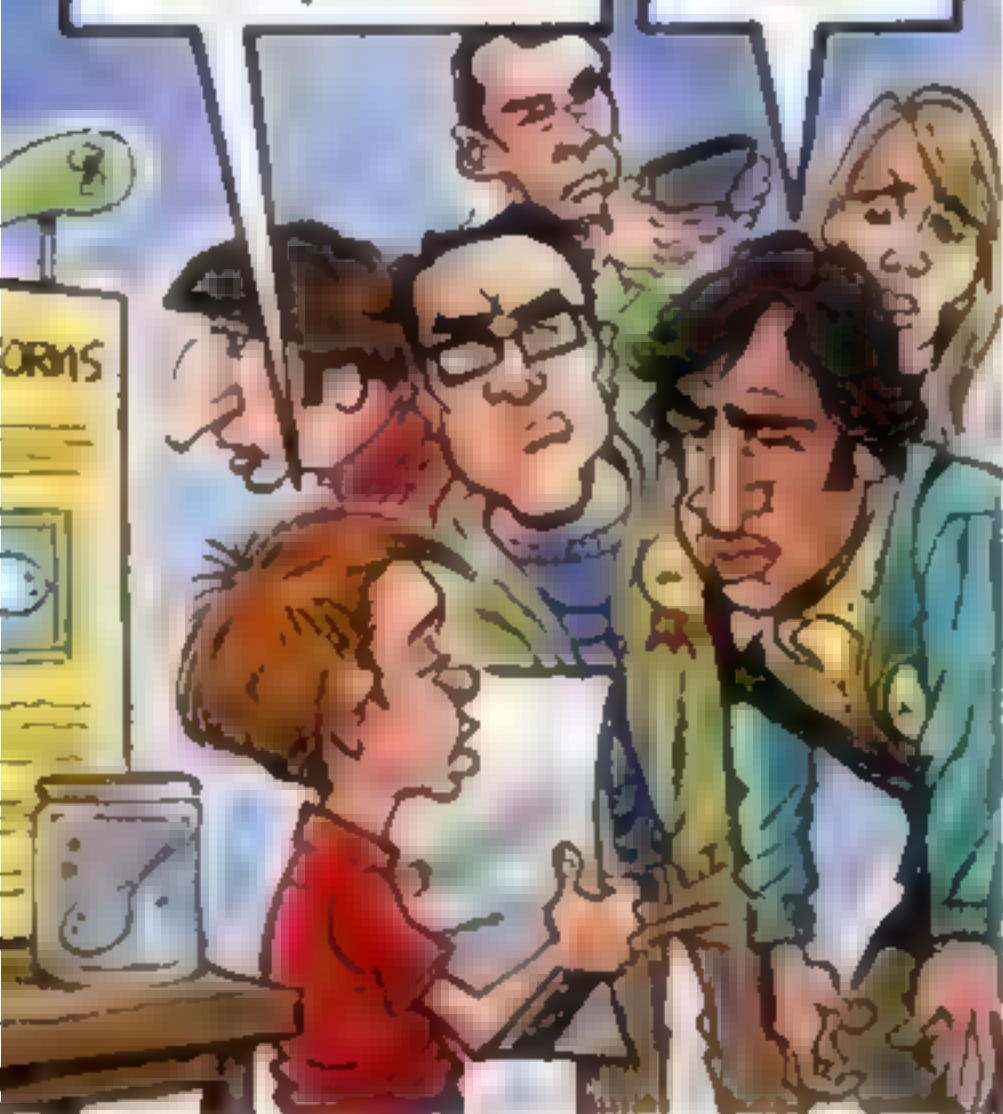
Great. Even flatworms get more action than I do!

My project postulates new, breakthrough uses for Riemann zeta functions. I used the logarithmic derivative to establish the delta distribution, and applied it to compact subsets relating to the Lindelof summation.

We've made our decision. First prize goes to "Quack, Quack!" Says Mr. Duck!

What are you doing? This is obviously the outstanding exhibit!

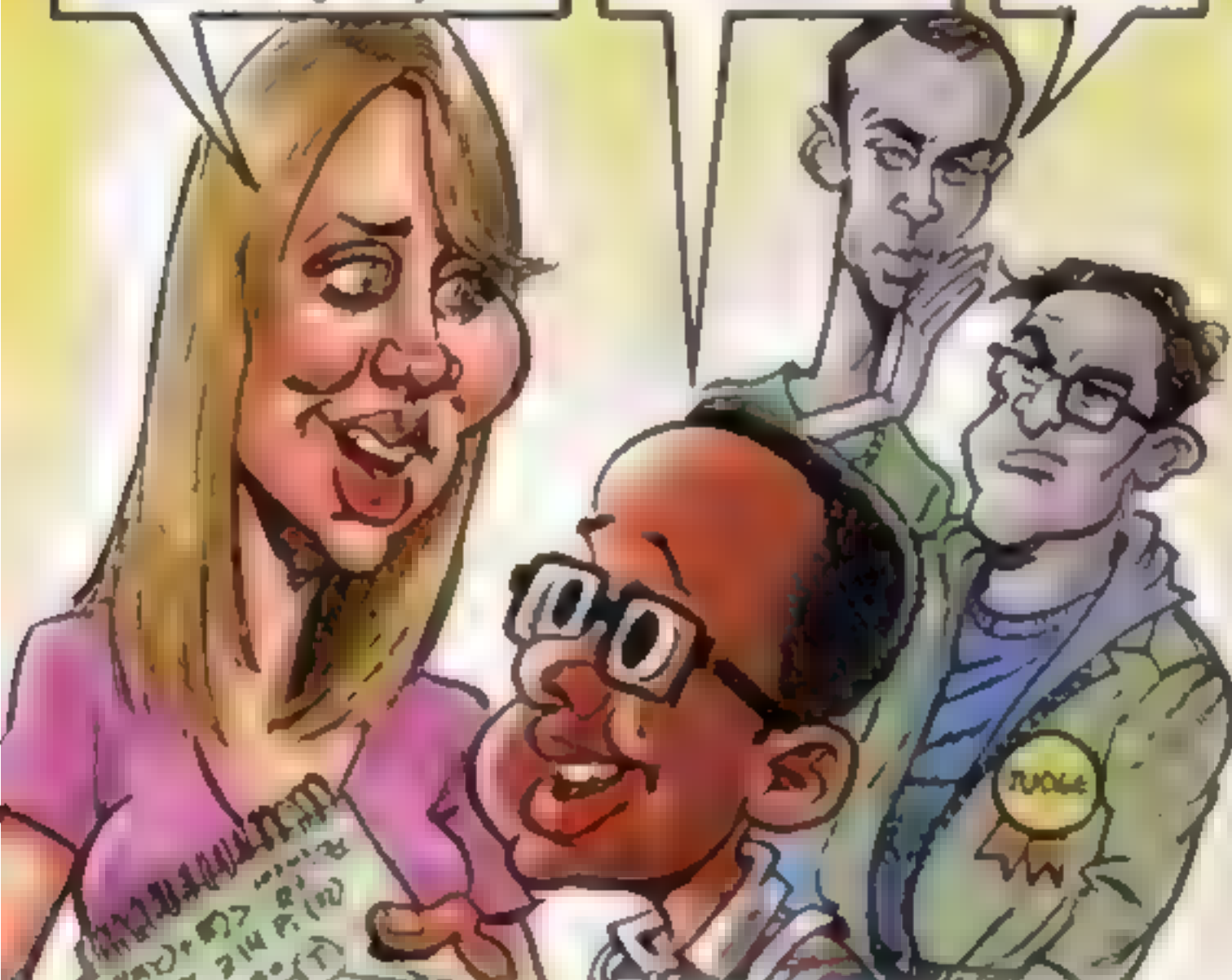
Yes, it's always best to crush talent and ambition in its crib. Especially if it's in my field! The cutthroat world of academia is a smoldering boneyard of ruined souls. Who needs that little turd growing up to compete with me for grant money in 15 years?



Oh well. Better luck next time, kid. Like they say, "The sun don't shine on the same dog's ass every day!"

It would, if we took the dog and put him into a heliocentric orbit!

Have him killed.



Shellshock may be borderline autistic, but he's got a hidden reservoir of ruthless, professional ambition!

Ruthless? What makes you say that?

Take a wild guess...



Assuming my experiment succeeds as planned, you won't be forgotten. I promise your names will all be included in a very favorable footnote! In the meanwhile, I can be certain I'll get all the best lines each episode! Mwahahaha!

That's Shellshock for you! A "supporting" character who broke out and took over an otherwise unremarkable and formulaic TV show, leaving nothing but set-up lines and "B" storylines for the so-called stars! He's this generation's Urkel!

And if you think the speed of light is fast, just watch how quickly I move my German butt away from this fershlugginer show! Auf wiedersehen, suckers!



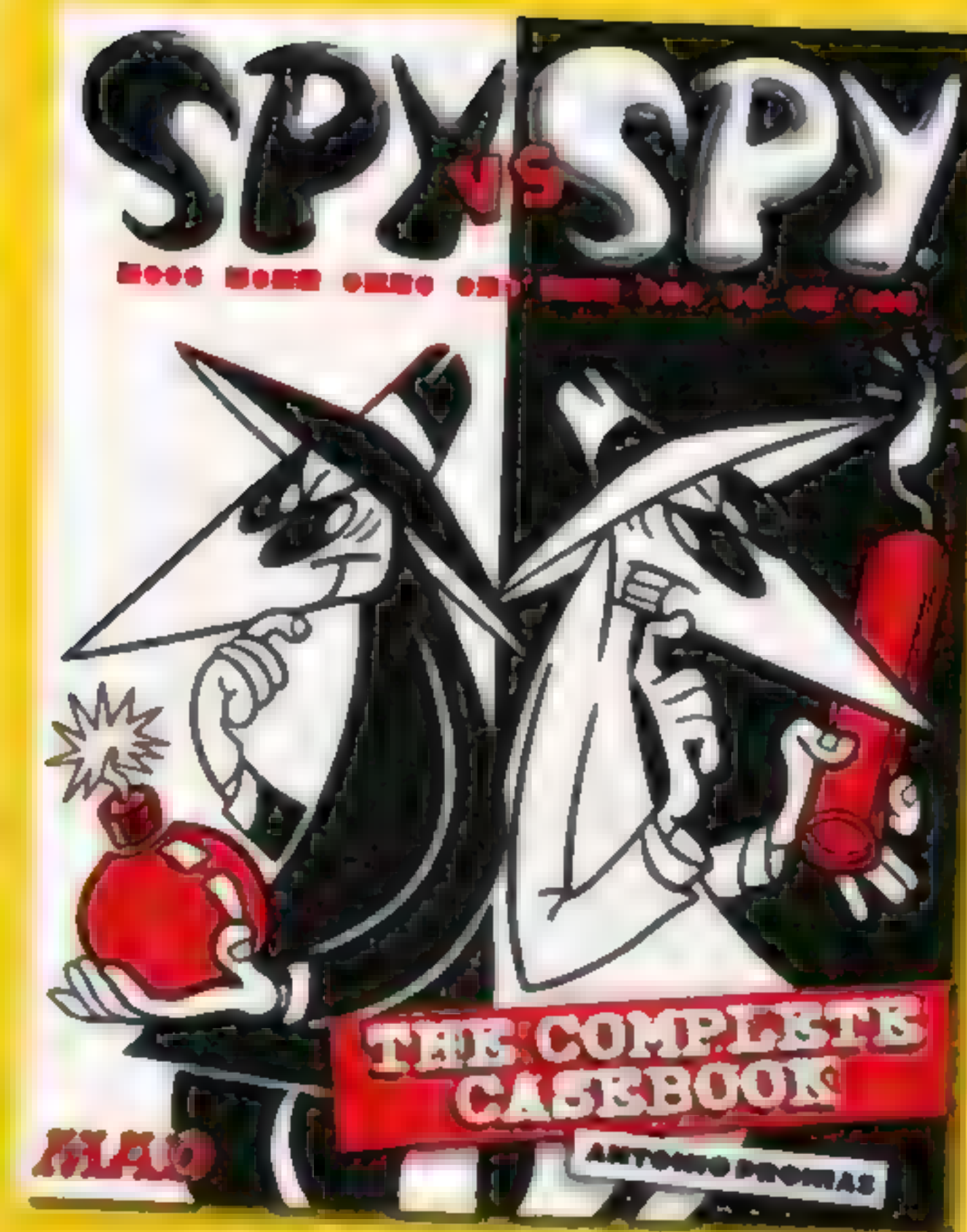
### CHUCK LORRE PRETENSES

Wool! Congratulations for TiVoing a show and freeze-framing on this title card. It's like a secret "Easter egg" from us to you, if you ignore the fact that it's not hidden. Instead, let's call it "interactive"! Which is something Hollywood makes up to flatter those dummies who go to the unbelievable effort of purchasing a "customized" iPod skin, or "joining" an official website, or in this case, pushing a pause button. But having read this far, you're in no position to complain. You're the one squinting to read this meaningless gibberish, while anxiously pretending it's a special bonus for the true fans like yourself. We've hooked you good. So make it easier on your fanboy ego. Keep buying into the lie. Hey, we all humped your mother last night, and paid her a nickell. Still reading this? Of course you are. Of course you are.

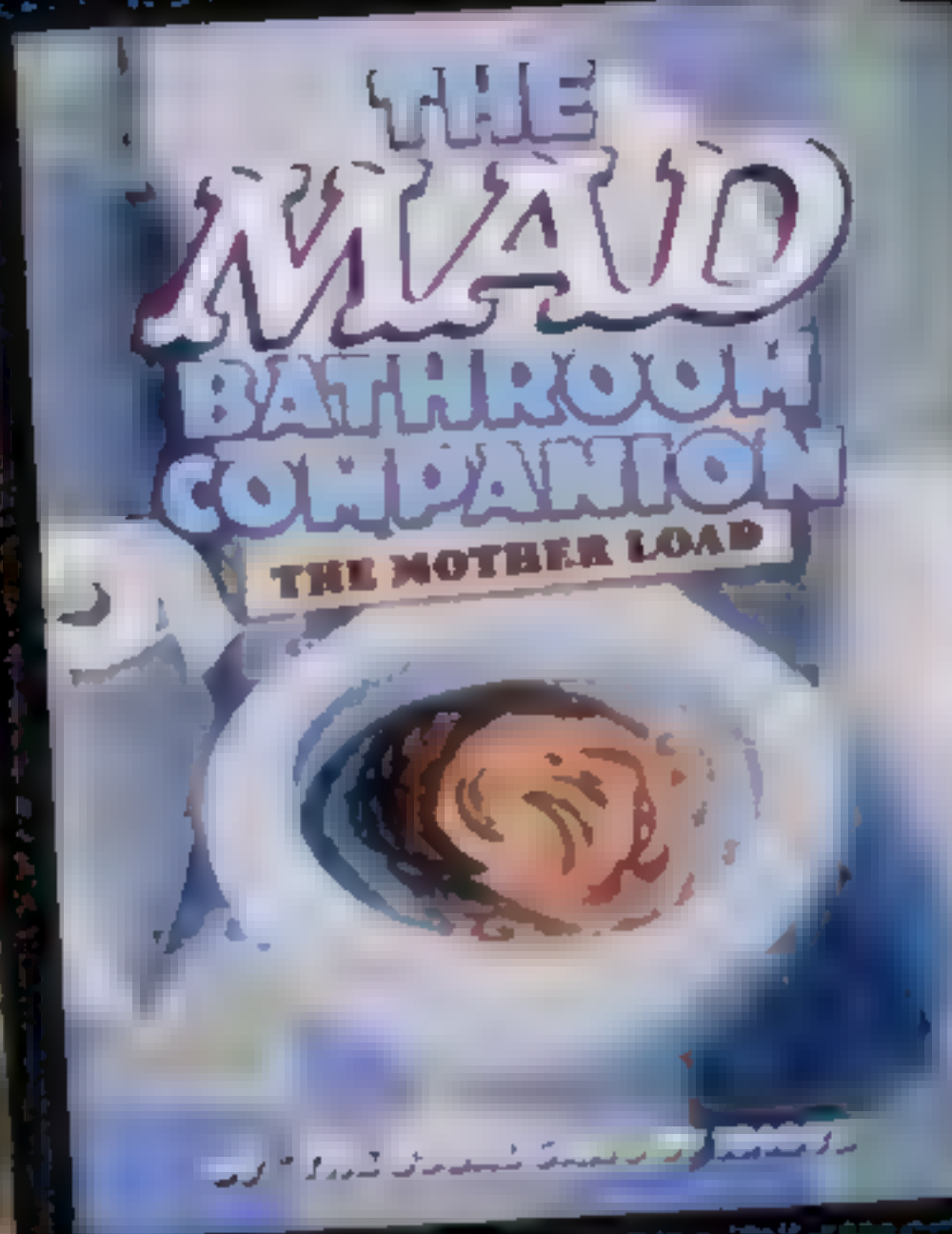
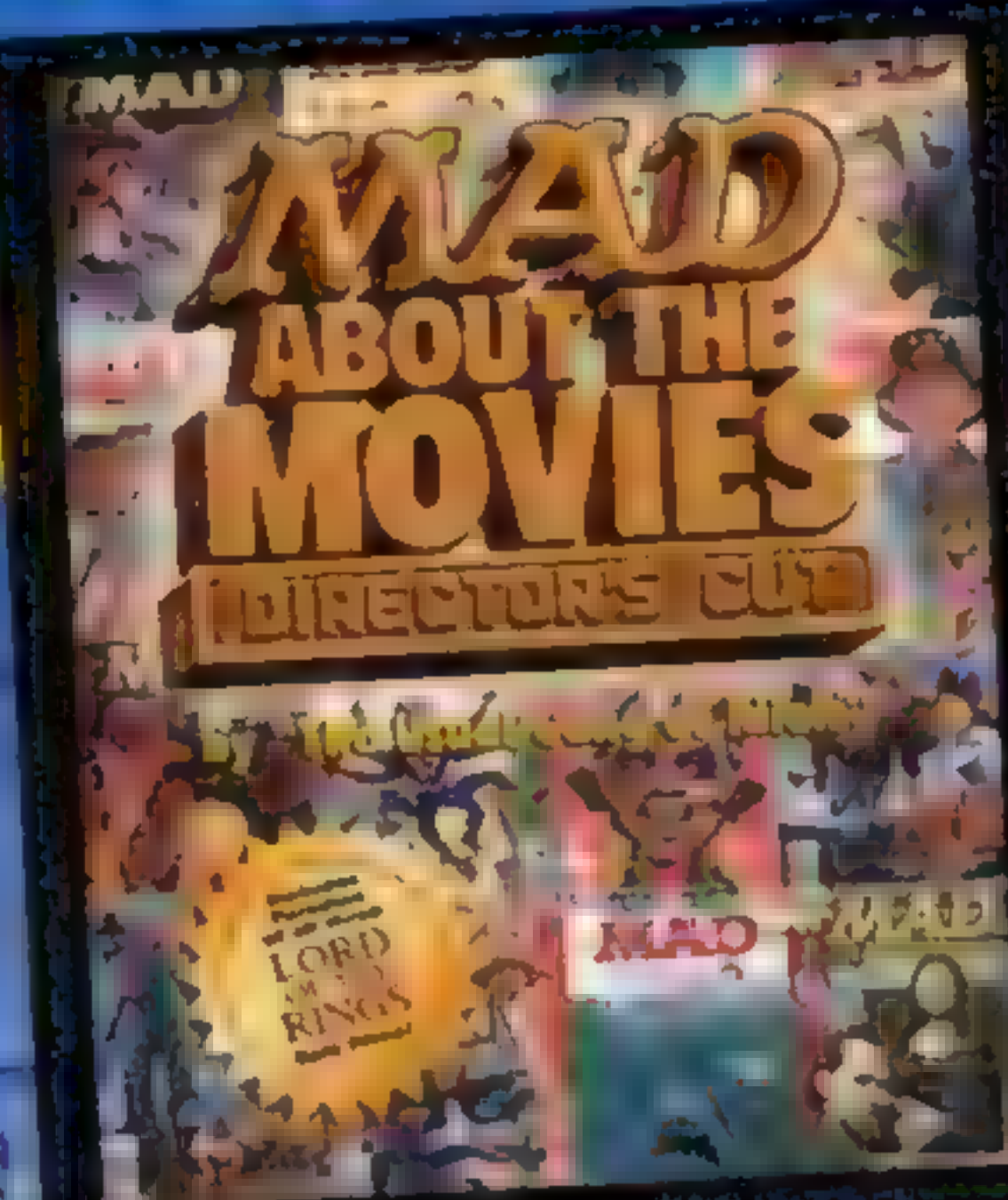


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This is the longest period of time that our company has gone without some disgruntled employee shooting up the place!



The doctor says he can fix my lazy eyes!



Hey, Dad! Did you order the special deluxe pizza with everything?

Yes, I did!



Well, it's here!



Dad, did you reply to a Craigslist "Casual Encounters" posting?

Yes, I did!



Well, it's here!







# An important message from MAD's Director of Business & Development,

**JEFFREY  
LOZENGE**

*It was once said, "Don't shoot until you see the whites of their eyes." It was also once said, "Don't shoot!" And it was also once said, "Please pass the chicken gravy."*

*My point is that people say a lot of things. And I say a lot of things too, for example, everything I just said. Which brings me to **MAD** — yes, **MAD** — the magazine whose time is and was and continues to be — also says a lot of things. But the less said about that the better.*

*Someone else who wasn't me once said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Whoa Nellie! (This is me talking again, not that other guy who wasn't me.) Who wouldn't choose liberty over death? That's a no-brainer!*

*"Give me liberty or give me **MAD**!" That's a tougher one. But thanks to the brave soldiers of the American Revolution you don't have to decide!*

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# Amish mantle and miracle invention help your bank balance hit rock bottom

*Unethical ad disguised as article preys on those with subpar reading comprehension skills*

Save money: our unit "trips" most of the breakers in your fuse box to "Off" as soon as it's plugged in, so you use less energy!

Everyone hates high heating bills, yet freezing to death is a somewhat less attractive option. Not to worry! The popular POWER SPIKE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the public for just the next 48 hours. That's right — for the low cost of something like three hundred bucks (plus shipping!) you can call anytime and order one! Everyone who calls is instantly charged upwards of seven hundred dollars for a pair of our absolutely free miracle heaters.

The miracle is in our Patented Loophole Technology™ that allows us to add bogus trademark symbols to Non-Trademarked Words & Phrases™ and market these shoddy units in major newspapers, making fantastic claims through carefully-worded technicalities, omissions, repetitive phrasing and straightforward, disingenuous double-talk, employing the latest oxymoronic, contradictory ad copy while not being held legally liable for any of it.

This is all happening to announce the POWER SPIKE® miracle heater which actually rolls from room to room so you can easily push it out of the way when it falls apart! Or, for extra convenience, simply give it one good heave down the basement stairs. (Check with your doctor before beginning any exercise regimen.)



**WORKING NIGHT AND DAY:** Our art department toiled on PhotoShop for hours to make this collection of unrelated images look like an actual Amish workshop!

The fireless flame looks so real it amazes everybody who has never seen real fire before. It's almost as astounding as those plug-in pictures of waterfalls that the otherwise unemployable sell on the corners of gas station lots on weekends.



**JUST ANNOUNCED!** The POWER SPIKE® miracle heater has earned the prestigious Good Housekeeping Seal! The product was awarded the Seal after we signed a contract for a two-page, color spread in four consecutive issues in their magazine, which is currently decimated by the Internet and desperately hurting for ad revenue

Soft-spoken Amish craftsmen with no interest in the outside world have taken their time to hand-build these mantles because, well, what else are they going to do all day? Sell eggs at the side of unpaved roads where only an occasional carriage passes by?

It's a win-win situation: We get these IKEA-grade boxes slapped together by a workforce that's unlikely to unionize. And they get more Monopoly money than they can spend in a month! This slow, careful process forces a strict household limit of two heaters, which is fine by us. We don't want to be stuck with warehouses of thousands of unsold Amish mantles once word gets out how they make electric bills skyrocket!

We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free, for \$298 each. With winter coming, everyone wants one. Soft-spoken Amish craftsmen are working their soft-spoken Amish fingers to the soft-spoken Amish bone. Crops are rotting in the fields. Quilting bees have been canceled indefinitely. Butter goes unchurned. We know of one Amish family that was so busy making mantles, that they forgot to paint a hex sign on the side of their barn to ward off evil spirits. And once their barn burnt down after we stored a bunch of heaters there, they couldn't get the entire soft-spoken Amish community to raise a new one because everybody was in our workshop making mantles!



**POWER SPIKE®**  
**Heatless Flame™**

**How It Works:** The POWER SPIKE® miracle heater is a work of marketing genius from the vaguely exotic-sounding China coast. It uses only about 9¢ of electricity an hour on the standard "off" setting, saving you some of the cash you'll need to repair the damage from foolishly shutting off the traditional heating in the rest of the house, allowing all of your pipes to freeze. It proudly bears the coveted Underwriter's Laboratories seal which has largely been misinterpreted by the public to mean something much more significant than their acknowledgment that the one unit we shipped to them for testing did not burst into flames and burn their headquarters down. It also comes with a severely-limited full year replacement and impracticable money-back warranty, less hefty shipping costs, plus an extremely nit-picky 30-day Satisfaction Guarantee.

Hi-tech heat turbine takes in cold air

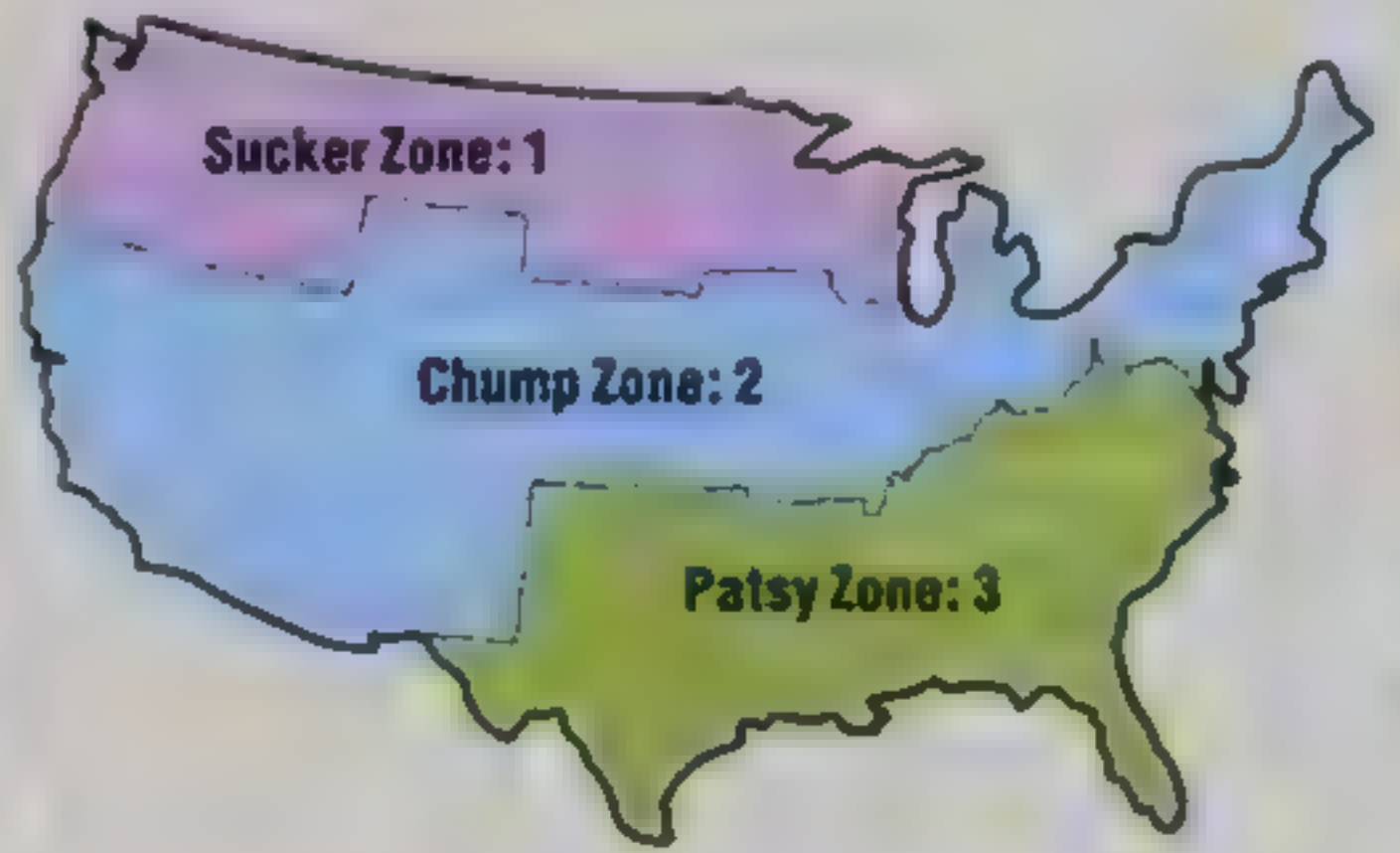


Top vent quickly and efficiently distributes cold air

## How to spend over \$700 on a free heater

The National Toll-Free Hotlines are now open. They have been open for over a year and will remain open until the Better Business Bureau tires of fielding complaints from angry seniors and finally shuts us down.

Use the map below to locate the zone in which you live in and call the Hotline for your zone. Or call one in another zone. They all go to the same call center, and each of the zones are spread over numerous time zones, anyway, making whenever you call completely irrelevant



**ON THEIR WAY:** Amish workers dangerously clog the nation's major thru-fares as they clumsily attempt to deliver their wares to the big city!

**EVERYONE LIVING IN THE**  
**Sucker Zone: 1**  
**START CALLING AT**  
**8:00 A.M. TODAY**  
**1-866-555-3450**

**EVERYONE LIVING IN THE**  
**Chump Zone: 2**  
**START CALLING AT**  
**8:30 A.M. TODAY**  
**1-866-555-3452**

**EVERYONE LIVING IN THE**  
**Patsy Zone: 3**  
**START CALLING AT**  
**9:00 A.M. TODAY**  
**1-866-555-3453**

This curiously expensive free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm this winter, except for not buying one and continuing to heat your house the way you have been.

Our miracle heaters are not available in retail chain

stores. Sure, we'll eventually drop the price significantly and the damn things will be available next to the Aqua Globes and Sham-Wows in the "previously-only-available-through-special-offer" aisle in your local Walgreens. But that could be weeks from now.

Once you receive your free heater for \$298, you'll instantly feel the warm glow of shame and embarrassment rush over your face. And when your credit card bill arrives with charges you never expected, you'll turn red with rage, keeping you toasty warm for hours. And

arguing over the phone with our customer representatives, and then with your own credit card companies, in a useless attempt to get a refund, will get you hot under the collar again! You'll feel so hot with anger whenever you think about this, you'll never be cold again!

## There are so many inaccurate, misleading reasons to buy a POWER SPIKE® Miracle Heater!



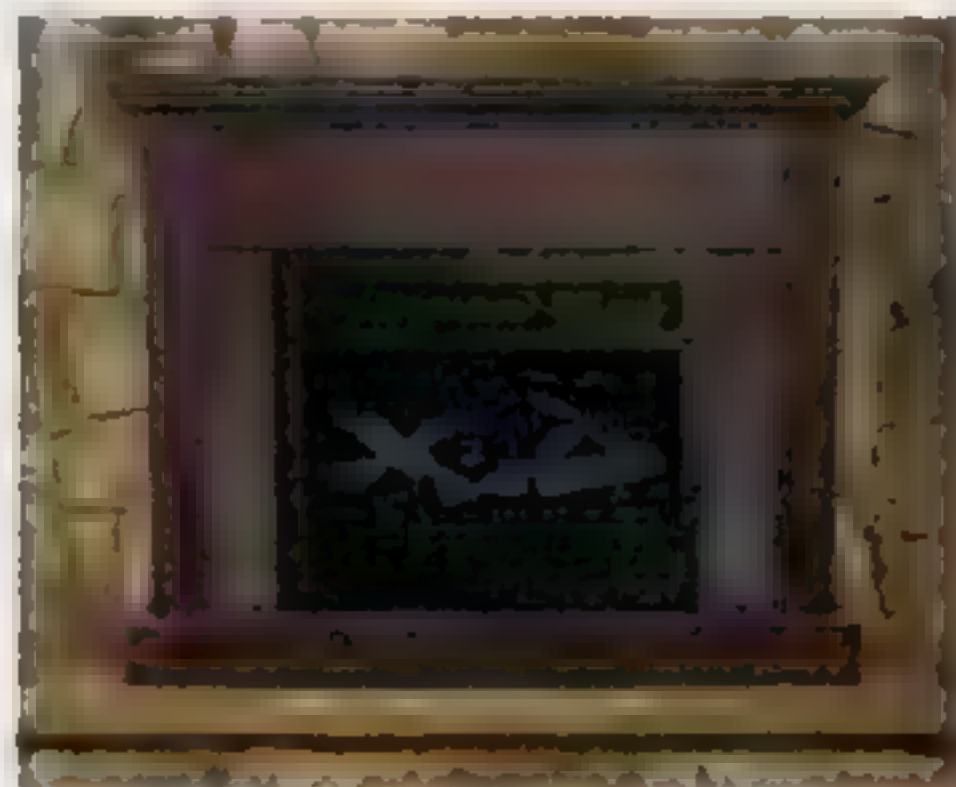
**EASILY ROLLS ANYWHERE:** This is the portable Arc-n-Spark® design with integrated casters for easy maneuverability that makes pushing it out to the curb on garbage day a breeze!



**SAVES ON BILLS:** Power-sucking heating element breaks down within two to three weeks of delivery; thereafter the unit uses minimal electricity to run the now-useless fan and animated flame

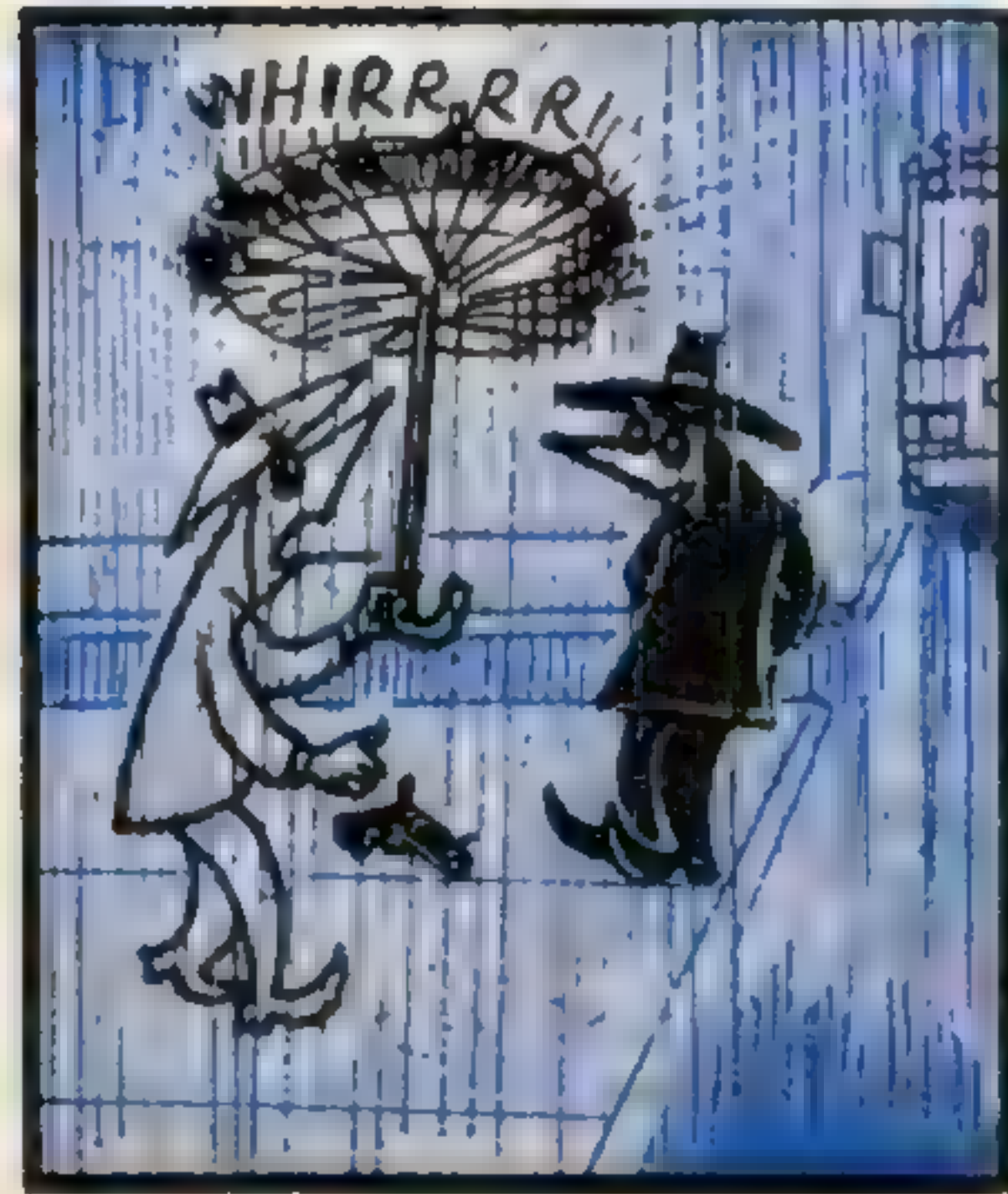
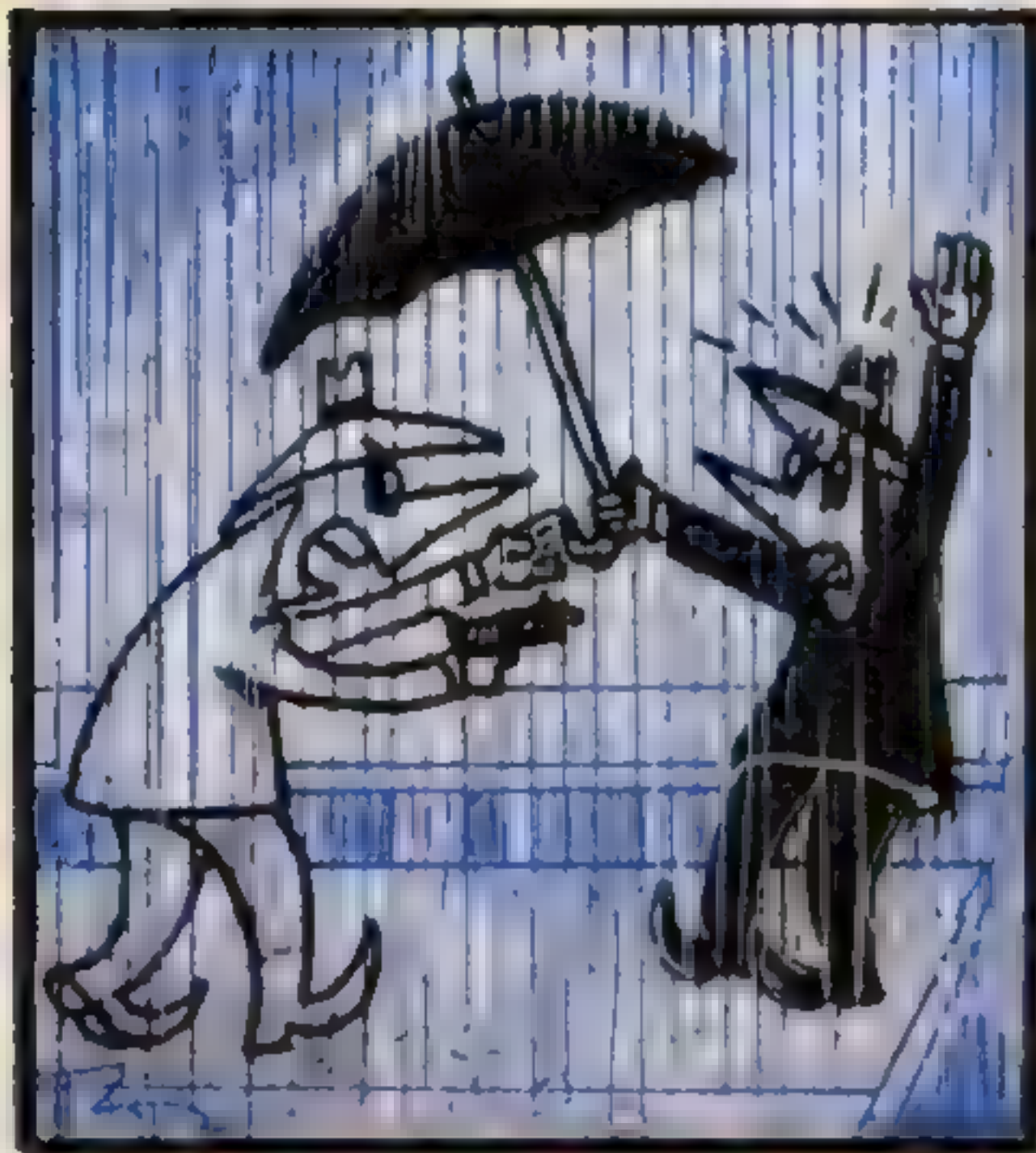
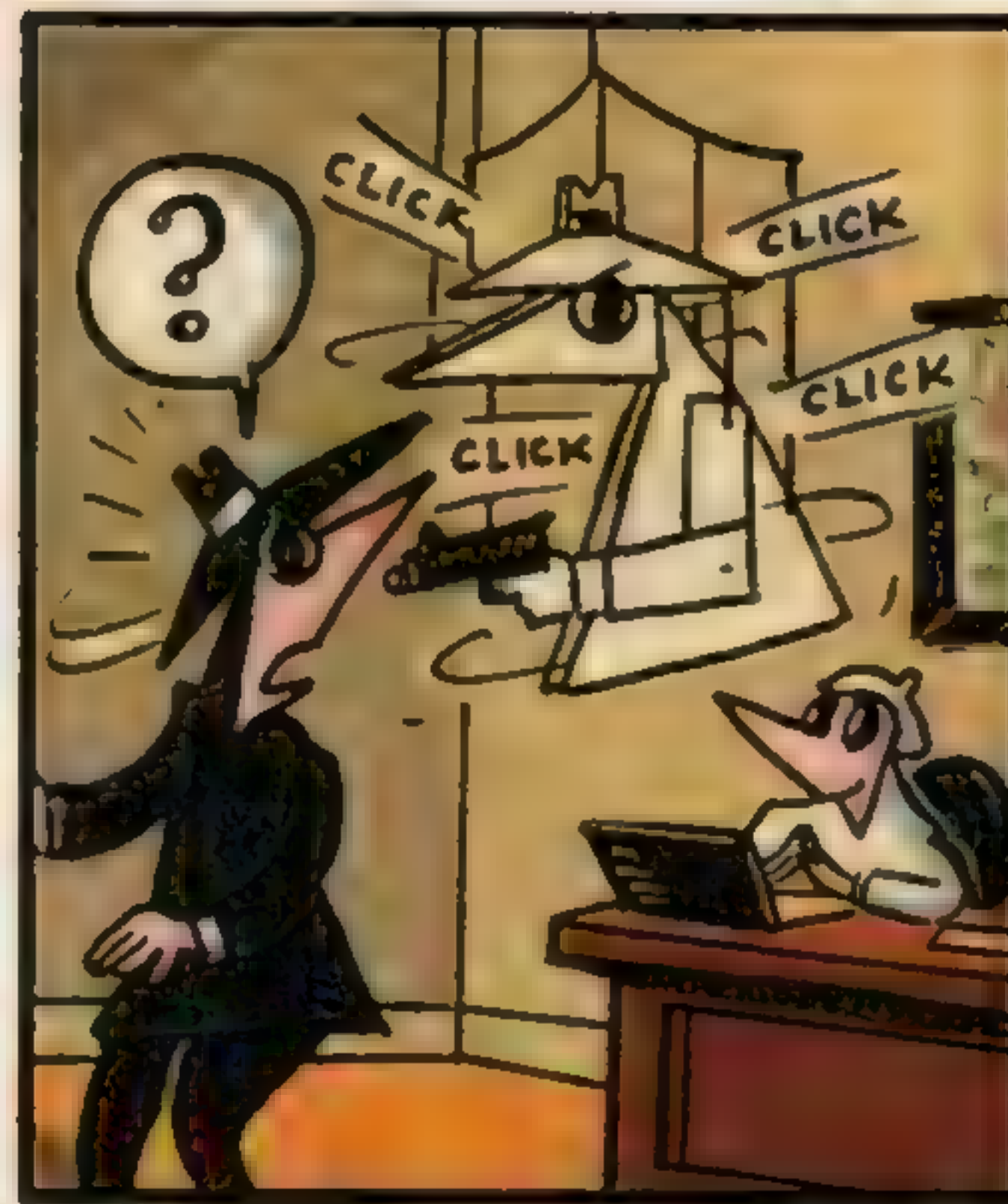


**SAFE FLAME:** The Heatless Flame® looks so real it fools everyone with severe myopia, macular degeneration, sties, glaucoma and uncorrected cataracts, which, let's face it, is 90% of our victim — er, customers.



**FREE:** Get this \$249 miracle heater free; just pay \$298! It is being given away free — for just \$298 — to all who beat the deadline of the inevitable class-action lawsuit by unhappy customers.







JOHN CALDWELL'S

# THE RICH REWARDS OF A FULL-TIME CAREER AS A CONVENIENCE STORE CLERK

The current economy has many people making unanticipated and unwanted career changes. If you're a former bank officer, assembly line manager, airline pilot or publishing executive in need of a new job, you may want to consider...



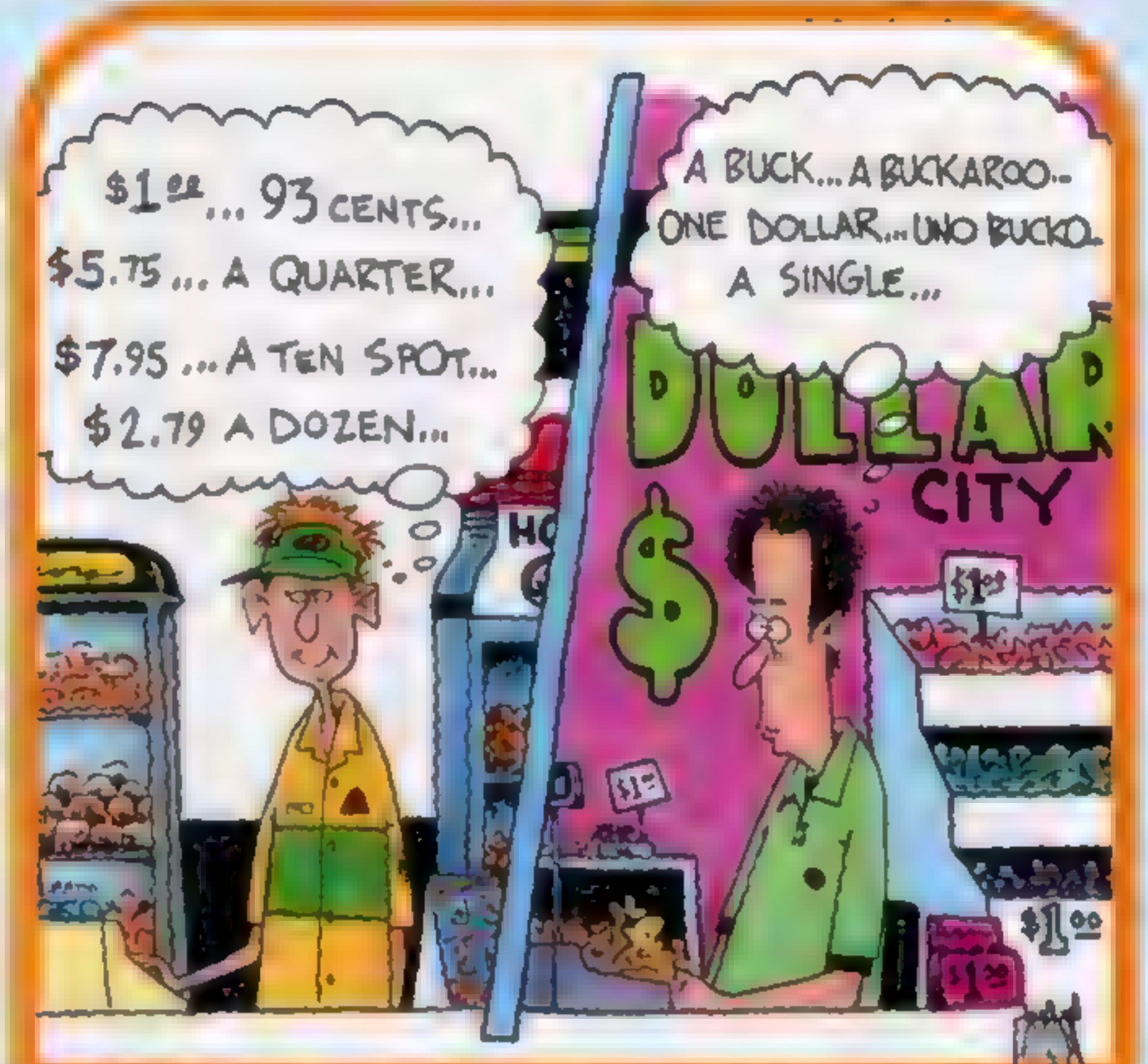
That special "new name tag" smell.



The keen awareness that the lucky break to a promotion is just one I.N.S. raid away.



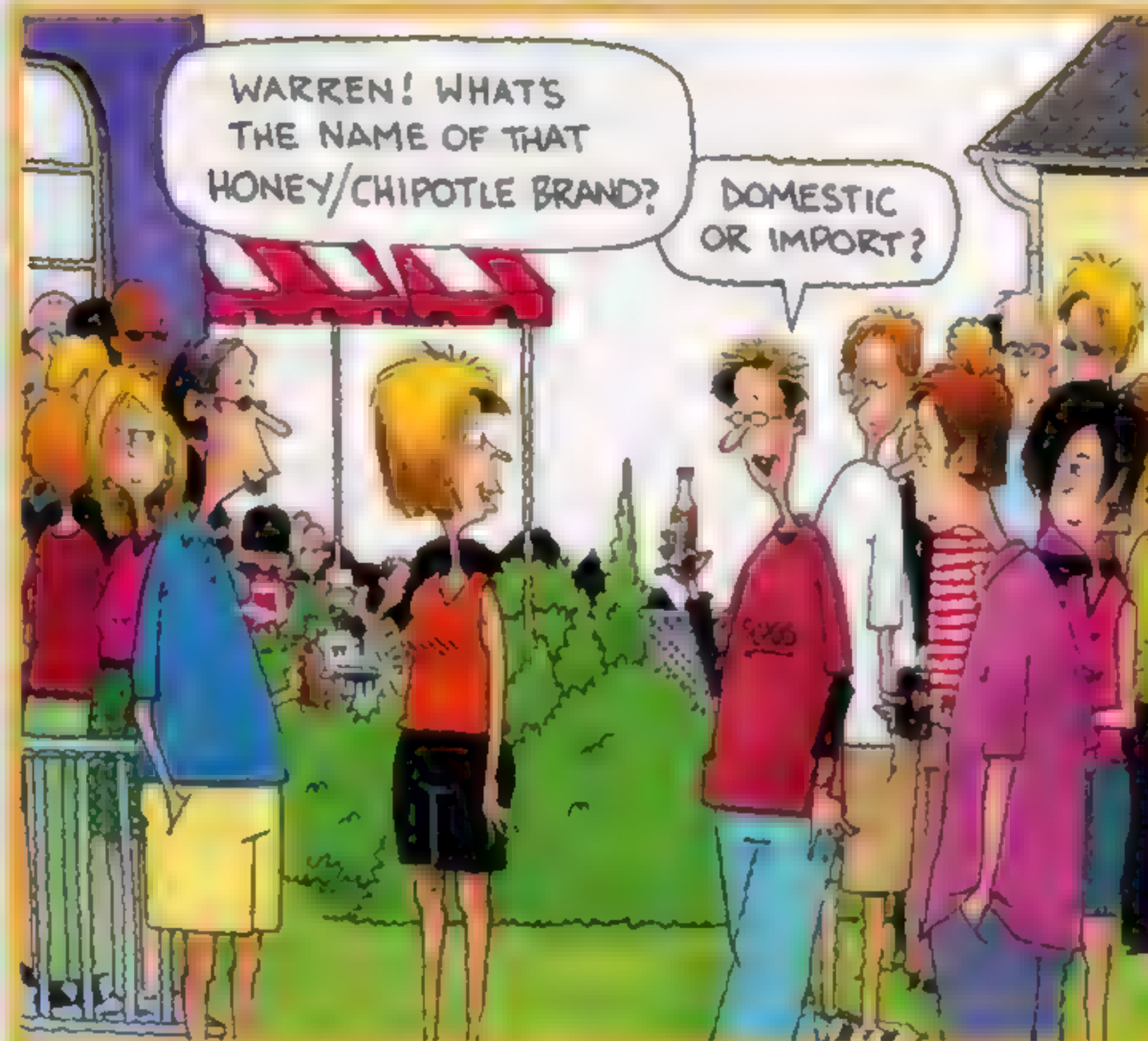
The window of romantic possibility that comes with checking a customer's I.D.



Dealing in a diversity of product prices puts you so much higher on the retail food chain than dollar store clerks.



That "I can't believe they pay me to do this" feeling you get when spending countless hours poking through mug shots trying to I.D. the alleged perp.



In any social situation, when the topic of beef jerky comes up, you're automatically the go-to guy.



The satisfaction and sense of responsibility inherent in the knowledge that a powerful corporate entity has entrusted you with the keys to the ice machine.



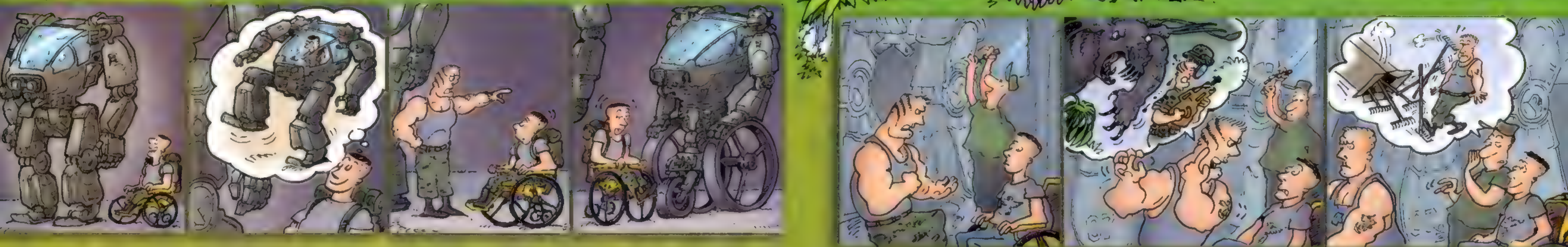
The opportunity to actually be paid hourly wages while pursuing your dream of amassing the world's biggest bag of scratch-off lottery shavings.

WRITER AND ARTIST: JOHN CALDWELL



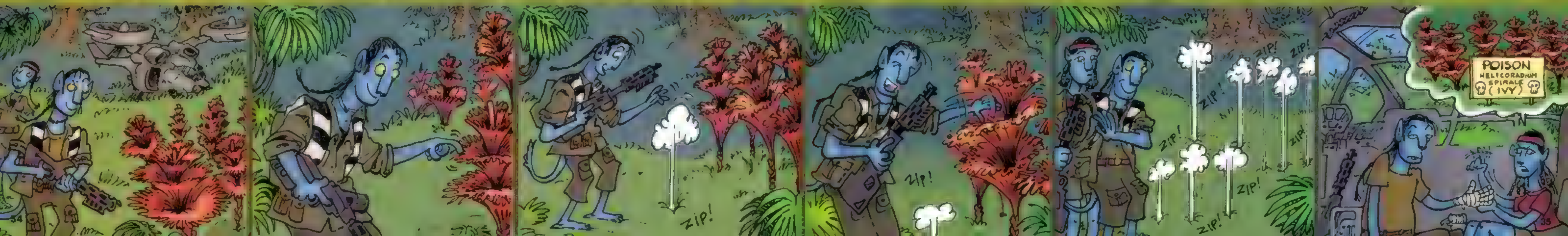
SERGE-IN GENERAL DEPT.  
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# Presents A MAD LOOK AT AVATAR

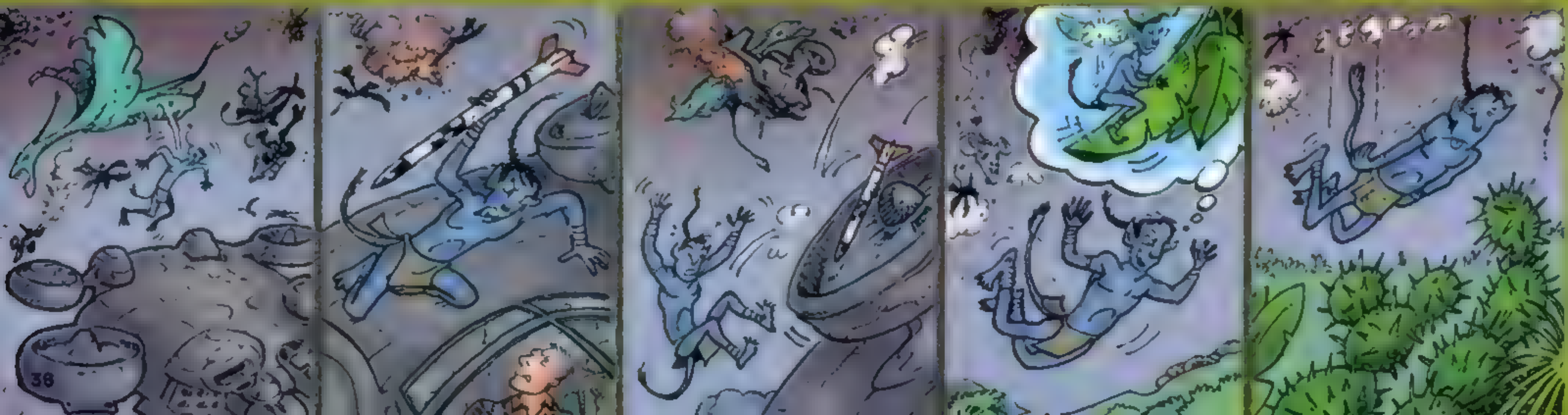
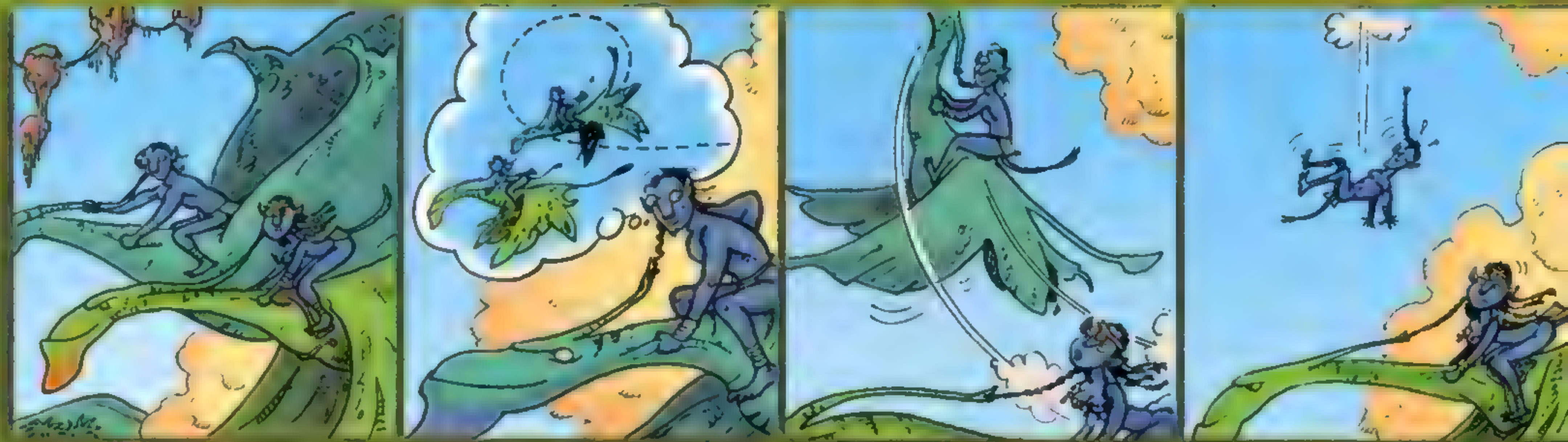
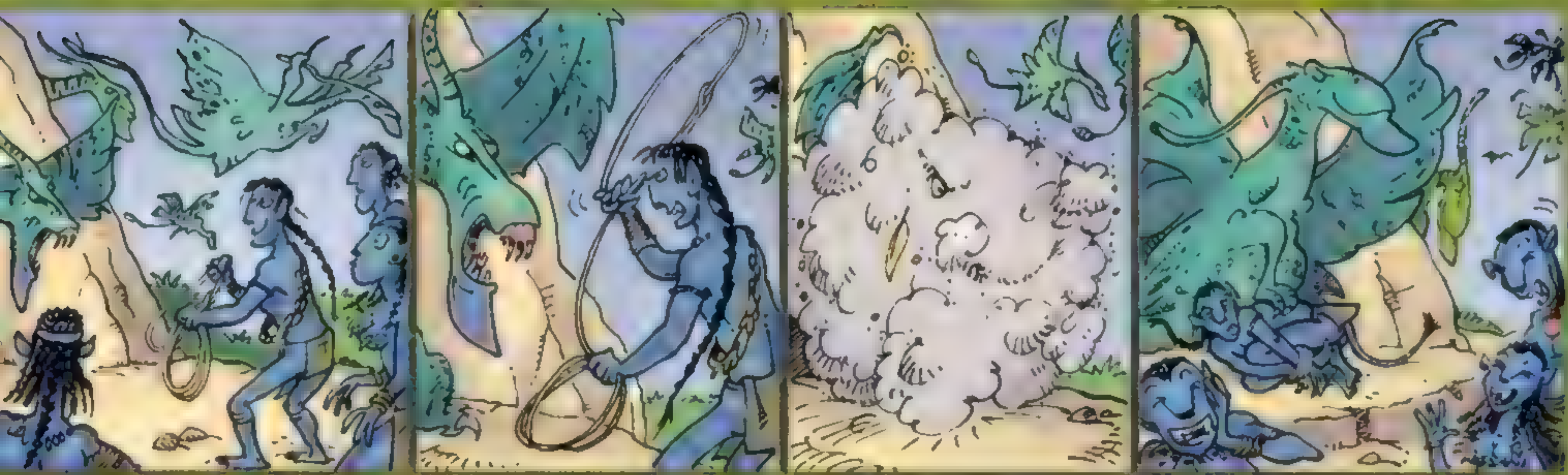
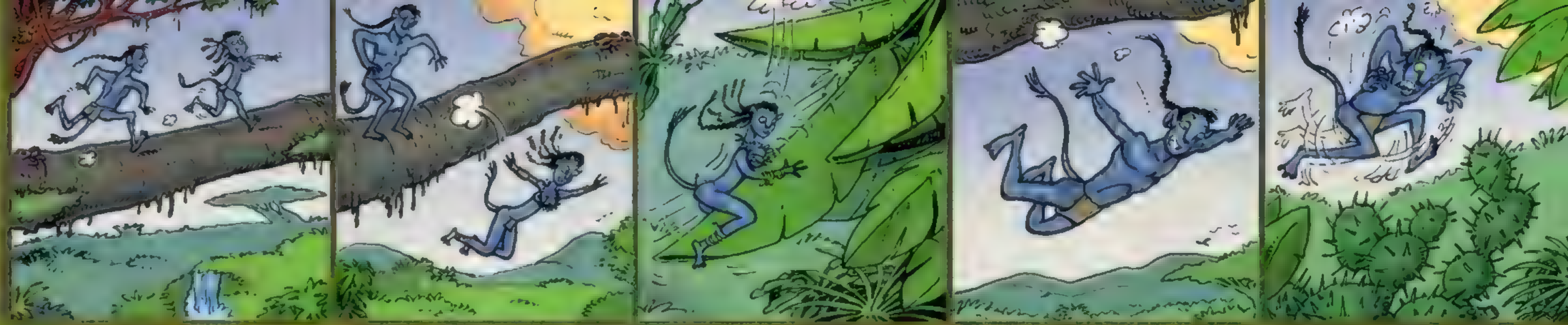
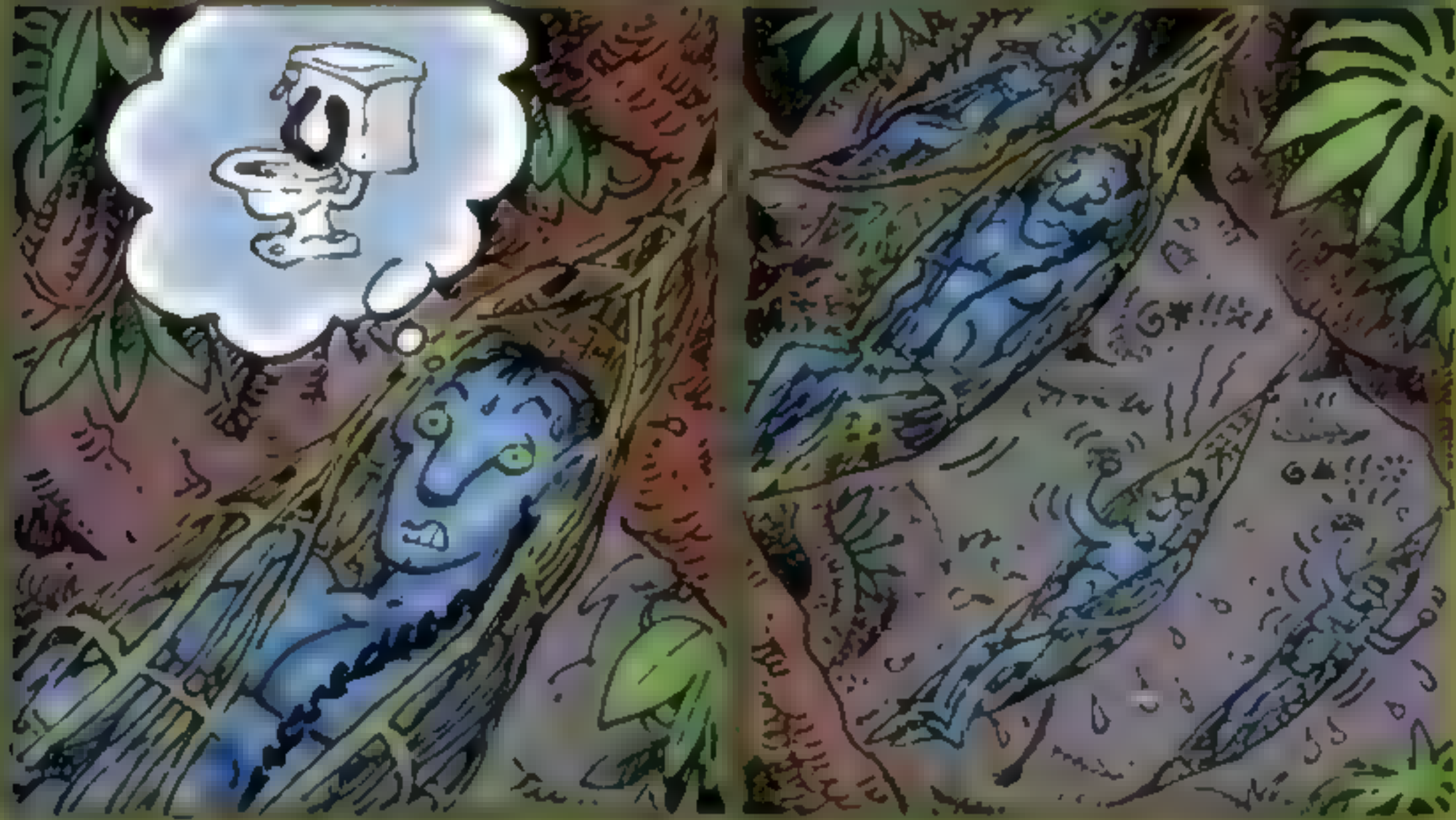


WRITER AND ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONÉS

COLORIST: TOM LUTH









There are lots of reasons you might not have a job right now. The economy is terrible and unemployment is the highest it's been in 20 years (and it's gonna get even higher next week when we sack that hunk of dead wood, John Caldwell.) But let's face facts — if you're a MAD reader, the problem is probably YOU. Luckily, we're dedicated to getting our readers gainfully employed (how else are you going to afford MAD?!?) — so we're happy to educate you on...

# THE 9 REASONS YOU CAN'T GET A JOB

WRITER: TERESA BURNS PARKHURST  
ARTIST: KEVIN POPE

## 1 You're applying for jobs you are not qualified for



## 2 You use a script



## 3 You always resort to bribery



## 4 Your questions for prospective employers need refining



## 5 Your résumé needs work



## 6 You need a new suit



## 7 Your lack of post-interview patience



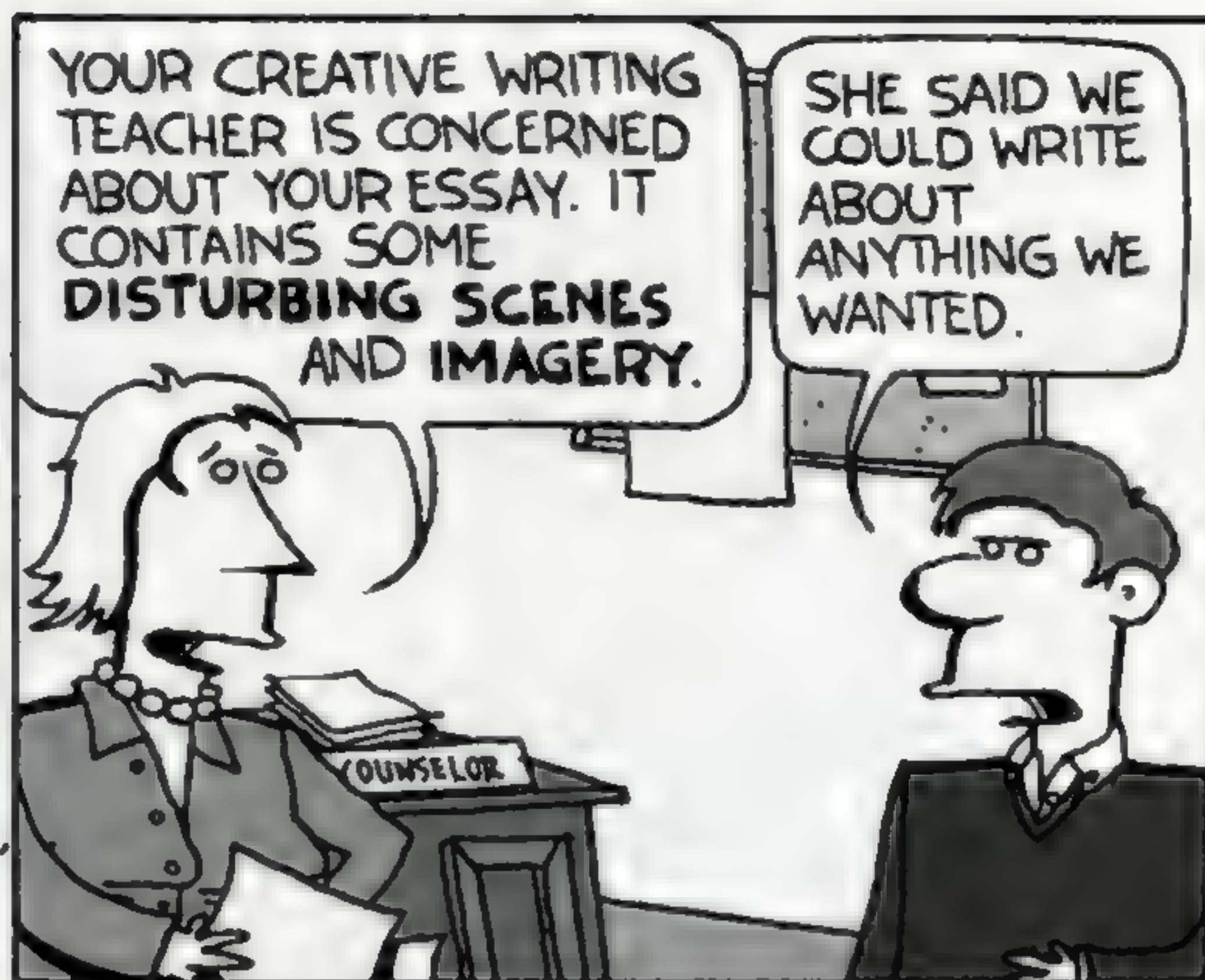
## 8 You need to learn to control your nerves



## 9 You're not giving the interviewer your full attention

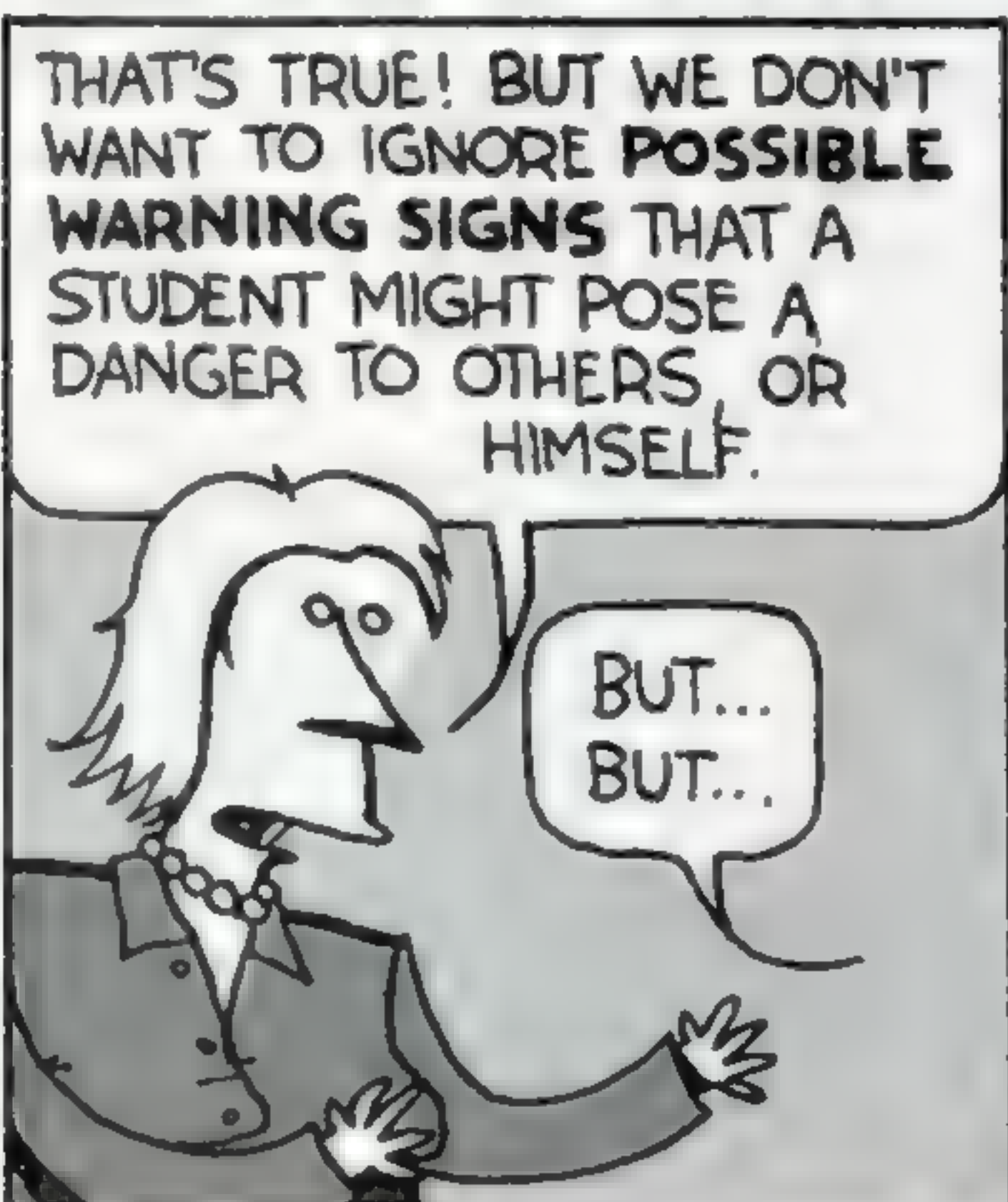






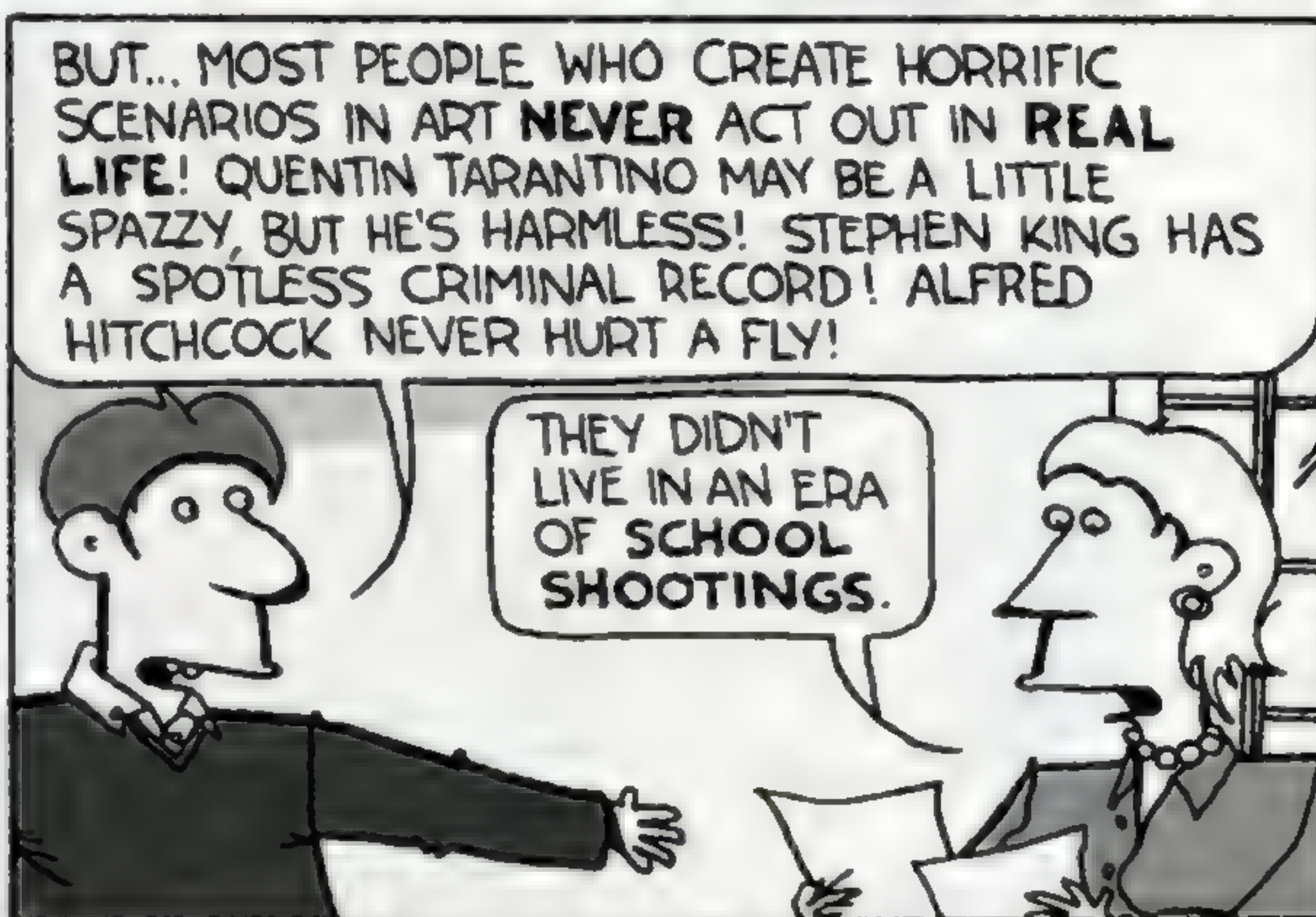
YOUR CREATIVE WRITING TEACHER IS CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR ESSAY. IT CONTAINS SOME **DISTURBING SCENES** AND IMAGERY.

SHE SAID WE COULD WRITE ABOUT ANYTHING WE WANTED.



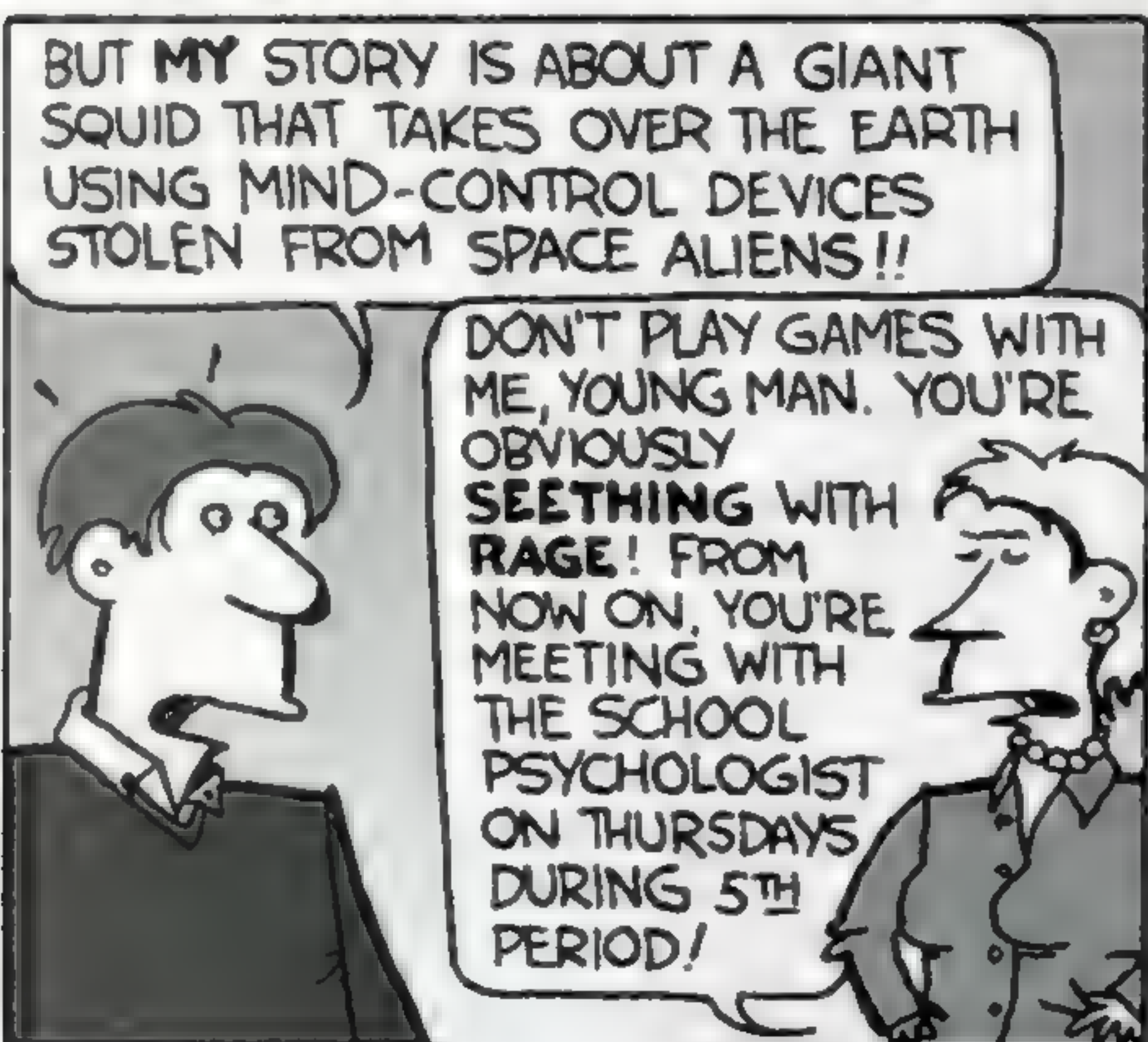
THAT'S TRUE! BUT WE DON'T WANT TO IGNORE **POSSIBLE WARNING SIGNS** THAT A STUDENT MIGHT POSE A DANGER TO OTHERS, OR HIMSELF.

BUT... BUT...



BUT... MOST PEOPLE WHO CREATE HORRIFIC SCENARIOS IN ART **NEVER** ACT OUT IN **REAL LIFE**! QUENTIN TARANTINO MAY BE A LITTLE SPAZZY, BUT HE'S HARMLESS! STEPHEN KING HAS A SPOTLESS CRIMINAL RECORD! ALFRED HITCHCOCK NEVER HURT A FLY!

THEY DIDN'T LIVE IN AN ERA OF **SCHOOL SHOOTINGS**.



BUT **MY** STORY IS ABOUT A GIANT SQUID THAT TAKES OVER THE EARTH USING MIND-CONTROL DEVICES STOLEN FROM SPACE ALIENS!!

DON'T PLAY GAMES WITH ME, YOUNG MAN. YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY **SEETHING WITH RAGE**! FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE MEETING WITH THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST ON THURSDAYS DURING 5TH PERIOD!



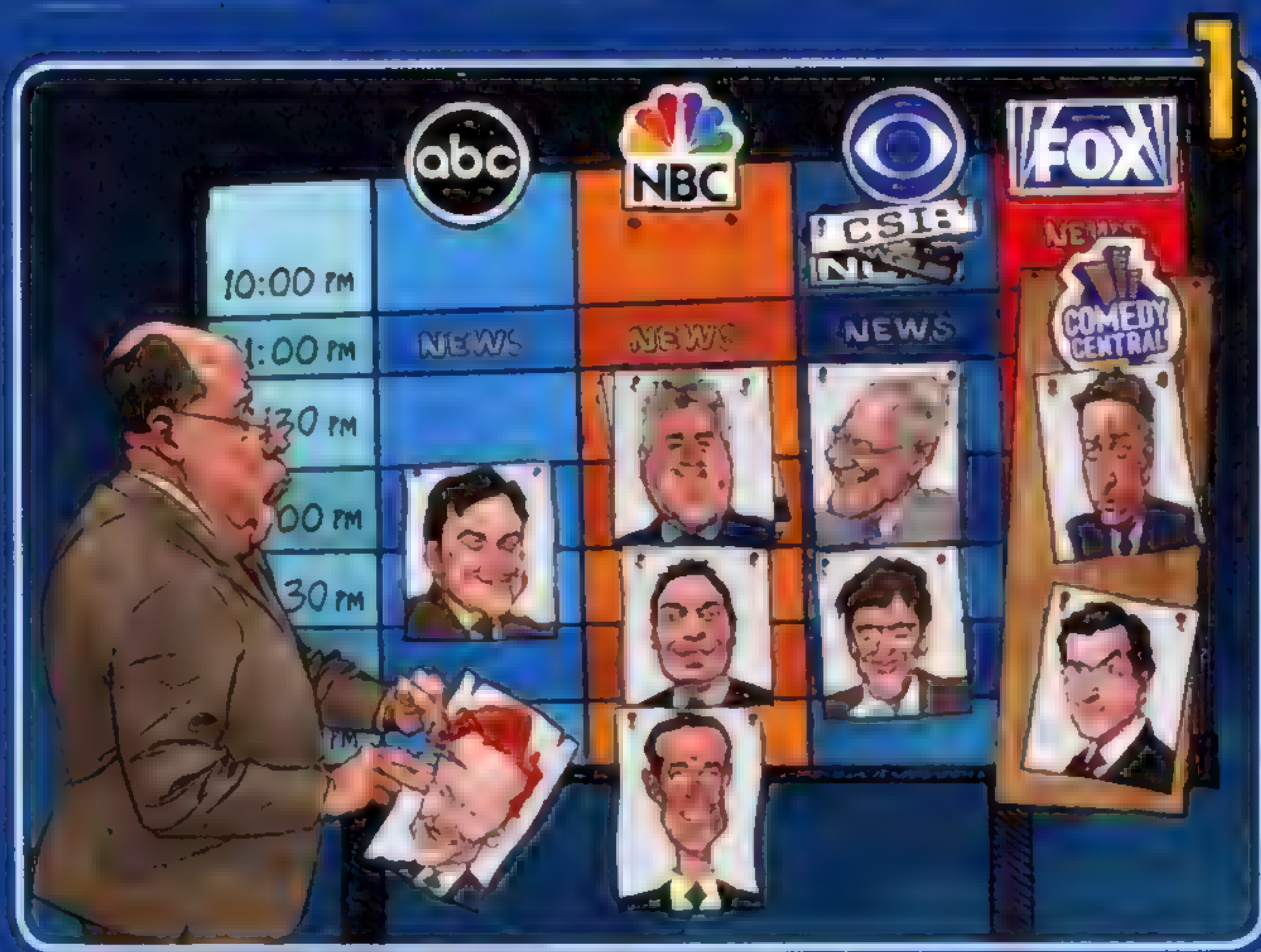
**LATER...**

ONCE A WEEK WITH THE SCHOOL SHRINK?! THAT **SUCKS**!

COULD'VE BEEN WORSE. IF SHE KNEW I **PLAGIARIZED** THE WHOLE THING, I WOULD'VE GOTTEN A MONTH SUSPENSION.



# THE 38 WORST THINGS ABOUT LATE NIGHT TV!



**1** The brilliant tactical moves of NBC President and CEO Jeff Zucker: Get rid of Jay at 11:35, move him to ten, bring in Conan at 11:35, give Jay back his old timeslot, push Conan to 12:05... lose Conan altogether. If you ever get a chance to play chess with this guy for money, take it!

**2** Shortly after a 7.5 magnitude earthquake decimated Haiti, we watched a concerned public mobilize in an unprecedented outpouring of support...for Conan O'Brien, who, as it turns out, has access to food and water, is not destitute, and was not buried under the rubble of a fallen building.

**3** The sad realization that Jay Leno's annoying style of monologue comedy has infected the way other people write their jokes. Write their jokes, Kev. The way they do it. It's infected the way they write jokes. BwwwooOOOWWWMMM!!!

**4** Letterman's inexplicable white socks. Hey Dave, Maybe have Paul and the band play "Tequila" so you can dance on your desk and make the Pee-Wee Herman impression complete.

The allegedly brainy audiences at *The Daily Show* who murmur during the well-researched segment on malfeasance at the Federal Reserve Bank, then delightedly shriek and bust up the furniture for another "balls" reference.





6 Last Call with Carson Daly.  
NO TIE  
NO DESK  
NO AUDIENCE

7 Staying up specifically to watch *The Late Late Show* for the one American television appearance of some obscure European band that you follow — and then realizing they've been bumped because Craig Ferguson creepily flirted with the 20-something starlet guest for the entire hour.



8 *The Tonight Show's* "Ross the Intern." Gay marriage would already be the law in all 50 states, if not for America's exposure to this insufferable, lady-voiced moron.

Nepotism. Remember the good old days when hiring unqualified, under-achieving family members was a dirty secret limited to the behind-the-scenes production staff and not celebrated as on-camera "talent"?



15 Just-aired reruns. We're not denying these jackass hosts a day off every now and again, but how about digging a little further back in the vault for a show than the one that just aired four days ago?

16 Letterman's beloved "hacking cough" bit. It used to be more fun, back when his audiences weren't terrified that his heart might stop.



9 *The Late Show's* "solution" to an obviously bored David Letterman hurriedly muttering through each night's increasingly unfunny Top Ten list: a guest reader. Great, all the same tired, predictable lines, but delivered by someone with no comic timing whatsoever.

10 The apparent clause in the contract of every *Daily Show* correspondent requiring them to clog up bookstore shelves with written versions of their on-air schtick.

17 The unbearable pain currently being felt by Chevy Chase, Pat Sajak and Keenen Ivory Wayans, sitting at home, staring at the television, and realizing that they were less successful than Jimmy Fallon.

18 The creepy likelihood that Conan's pasty white skin is quickly burning out the pixels in your expensive plasma screen TV.

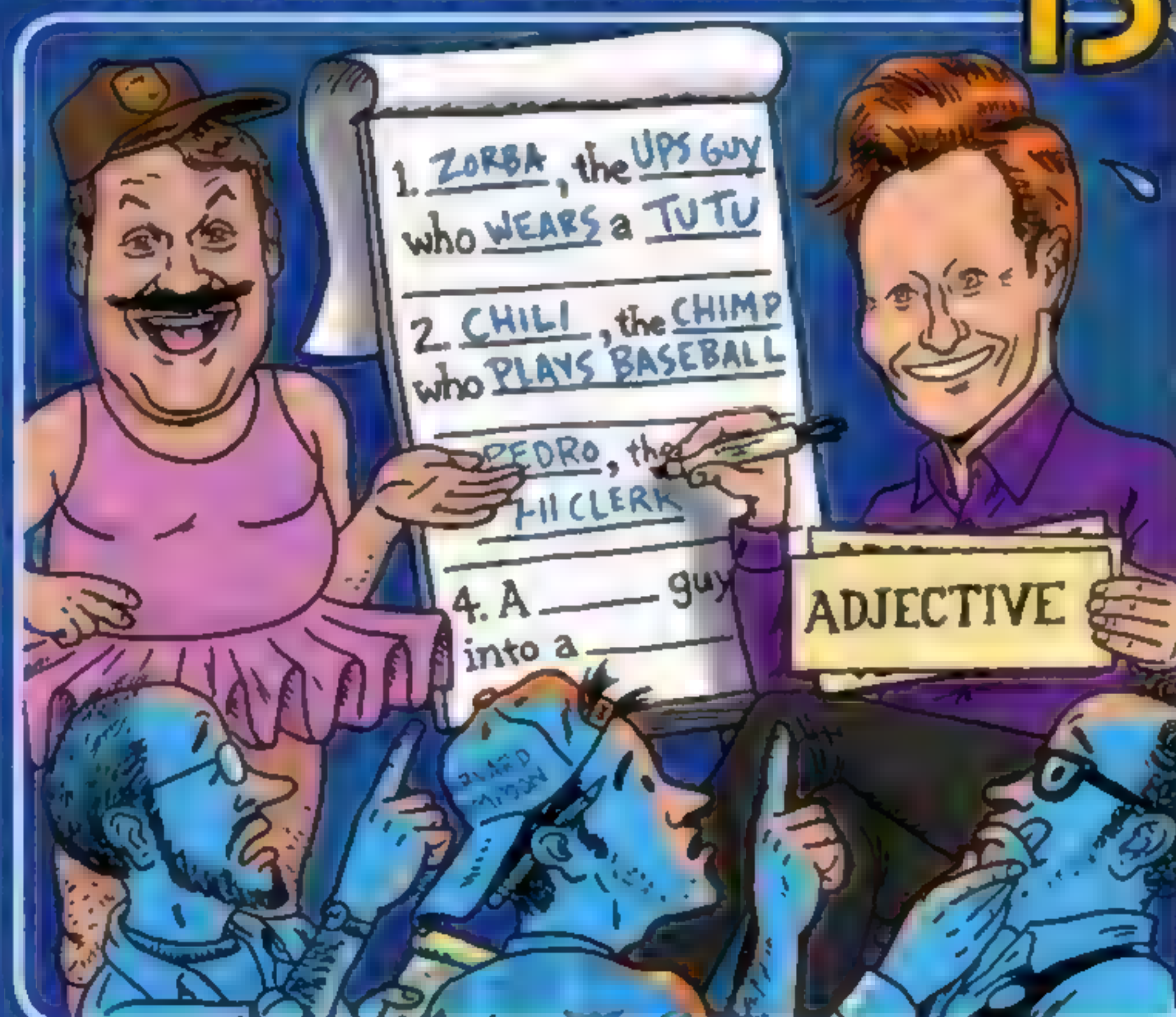


19 Seeing someone push their new movie on four different shows, while telling the same "impromptu, unrehearsed" anecdote four different times.



11 *Lopez Tonight*. Hey! Did you hear? George Lopez no longer has that sitcom that you never watched! Now he has a late night show that you'll never watch!

The beyond-obvious way Conan's writers use *Mad Libs* to create their newest sets of "wacky characters."



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12 Paul Shaffer's gradual transformation from intentionally ironic, mildly amusing, anachronistic hipster/beatnik in the 80s to today's annoying bootlicking kissass who — even when the camera isn't on him — never, ever seems to shut up.



20 Zookeeper guests. Look, if the animal you're bringing on the show doesn't crap on the host, attack him, or get loose and cause pandemonium, you might as well leave the poor, dull creature at the zoo.

21 *Nightline*. We've watched the last ten opening monologues and, we're sorry, but it's just not that funny.





22

The very real possibility that the H1N1 swine flu virus became a global epidemic thanks to Jay Leno's stupid "shaking hands with the audience" schtick.

23

What's lamer than Jon Stewart dropping the f-bomb to save a mediocre joke? How about having Comedy Central bleep out the oh-so-naughty language? We at MAD think that's just #%@\$ing sad.

24

Letterman's horribly mistaken belief that the name "Regis" is automatically hysterical all the time, in whatever context it's used.

25

Jay Leno's never-ending "Jay Walking" bits. Who's dumber — the idiot who doesn't know who the Vice President is, or the idiot who still finds this funny?



27

Johnny Carson's "Aunt Blabby" character. It never made us laugh. There, we said it. That's been bottled up inside us all these decades.

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The traffic snarls around Alameda Ave. near the *Tonight Show* studio that keep you from getting home from work on time (Burbank commuters only).

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The very real possibility that the desiccated corpse of Larry "Bud" Melman is standing, unattended, in some *Late Show* prop room.



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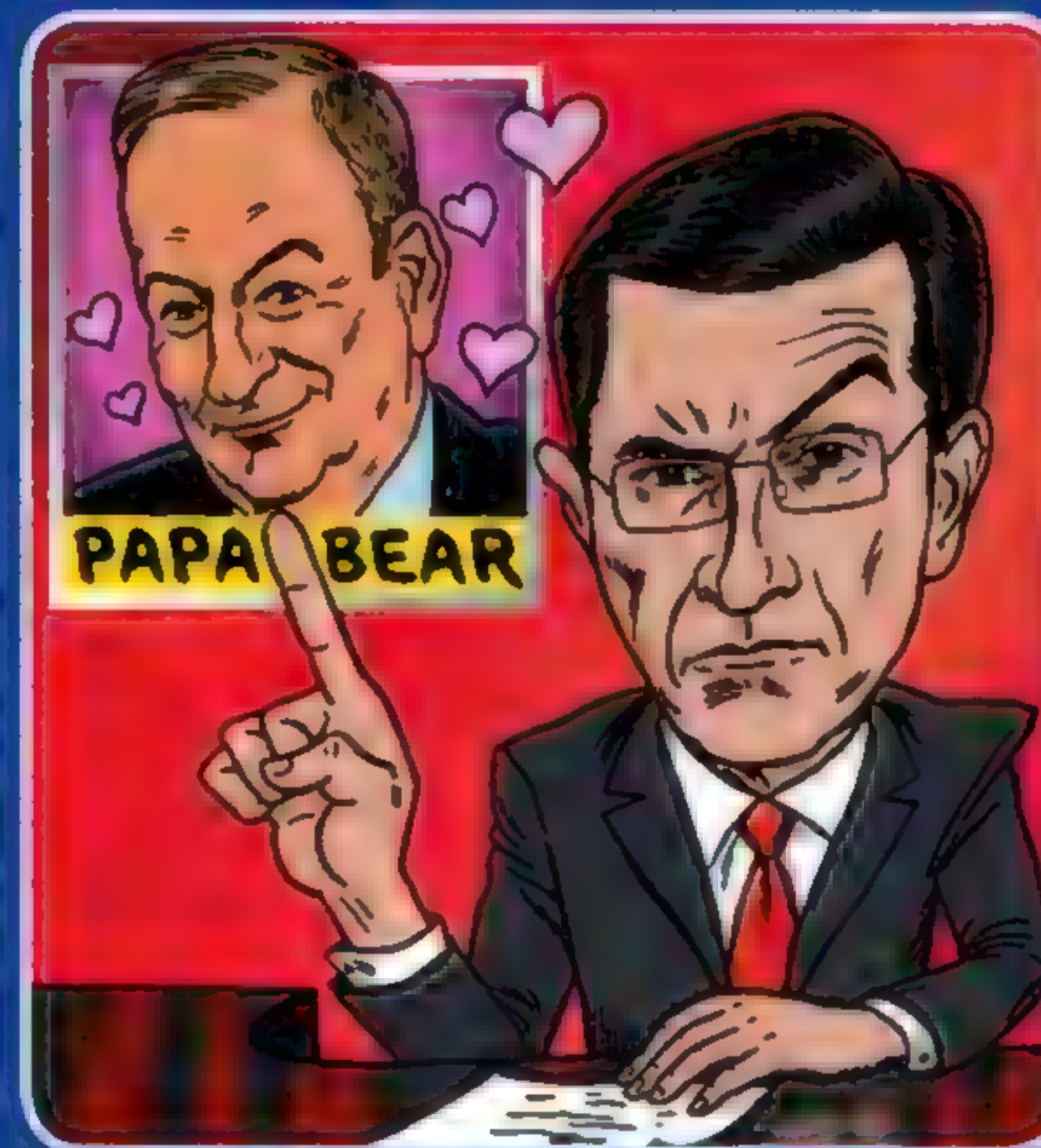
We don't know which is more insulting to our intelligence: that we're supposed to care about an "embarrassing" old photo of some sitcom bimbo in her 1980s hair, or the corny "Oh my God, I can't believe you found that!" fake shame afterwards.

30

The frustratingly inaudible whispering lean-in between every host and guest right as the show goes to commercial — that's the *real* interview right there. Yeah, that's the good stuff.

31

Having to choose between *The Golden Girls* rerun on WE and *The Golden Girls* rerun on Hallmark.



36

Whenever they get a real politician in the chair, Jon Stewart or David Letterman asks more pointed and intelligent questions than network news reporters do. (Sorry, this line should appear in MAD's "38 Worst Things About Sunday Morning News Shows.")

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At its heart, the epic battle between Jay Leno and Conan O'Brien boiled down to which of the two joke monkeys would get to tell their "Paris Hilton is a whore" punchline first that night.

Nothing instills non-partisan, across-the-board respect like the President of the United States sitting in the same chair a half-in-the-bag Lindsay Lohan moistened the night before.

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33

Stephen Colbert's not-so-hidden mockery of Bill O'Reilly. Come on, Stephen, it only makes his ego that much MORE bloated.

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Gancho al Corazon on Univision. Nosotros justo no lo queremos.

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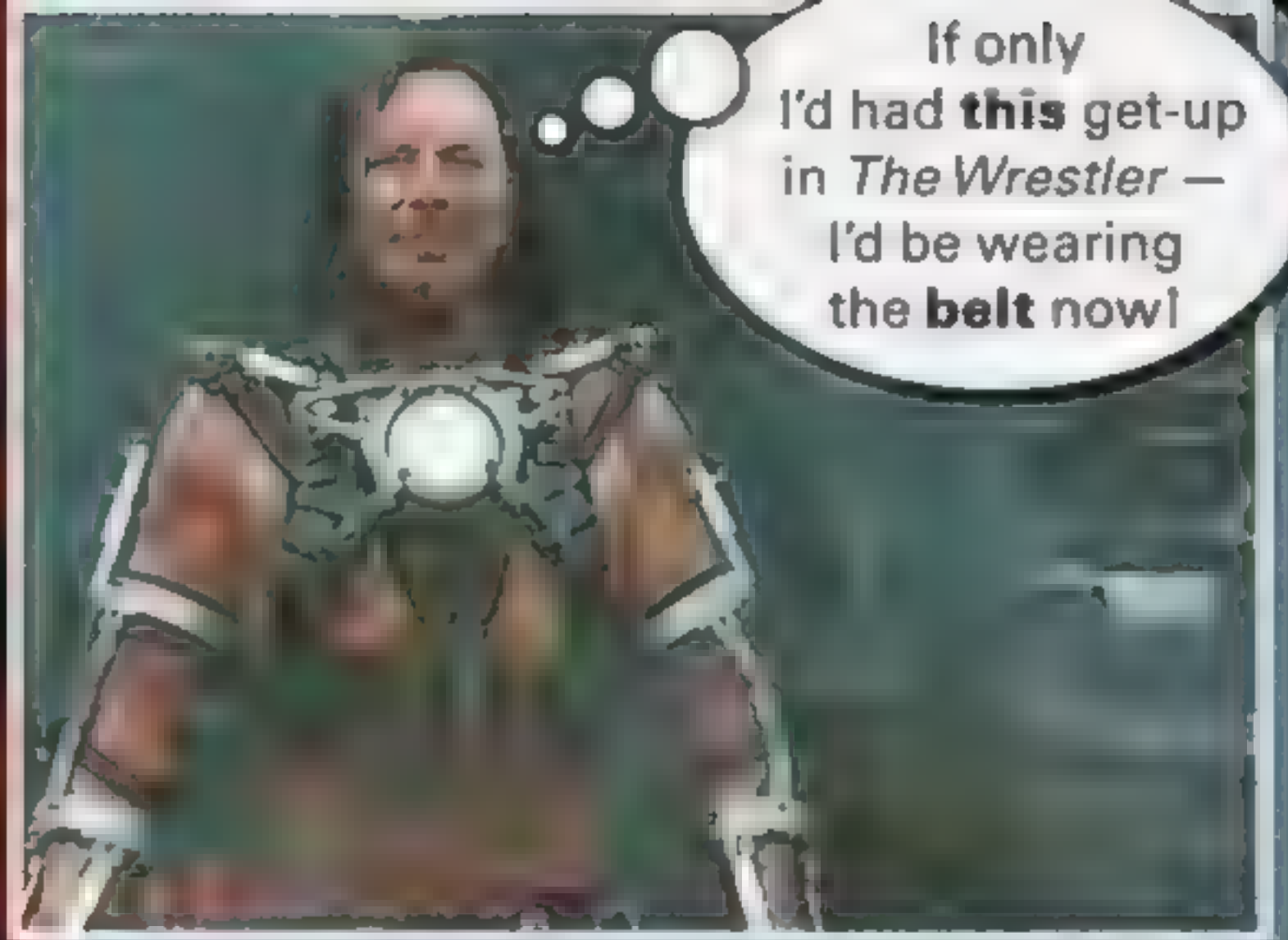
The ABC programming boneheads who insist on calling it *Jimmy Kimmel Live* when the show is taped two hours before it airs.

Wondering who else Letterman might have boinked on the side.

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If only I'd had **this** get-up in *The Wrestler* — I'd be wearing the **belt** now!



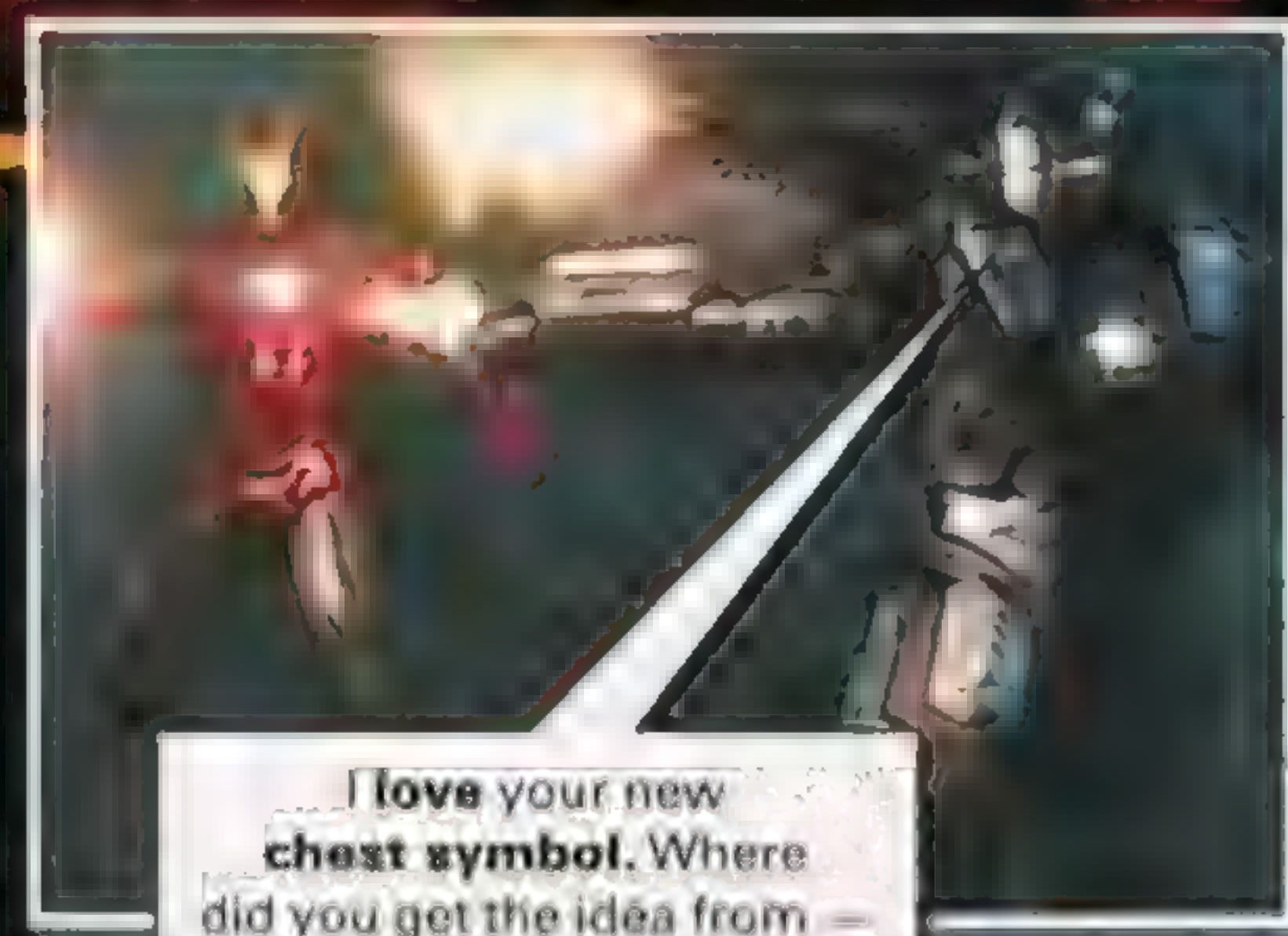
I'm **telling** you! You don't need **60** votes to pass **Health Care Reform!** A **simple majority** is fine! What's **wrong** with you **spineless Democrats?!?**



Uggh! This is the worst *Girls Gone Wild* ever!



I paid **extra** for the **Invisaligns** but they **screwed** me!



I love your new **chest symbol**. Where did you get the idea from — an **elevator button**?



I take the library's **"No Cell Phone"** policy **very seriously!**



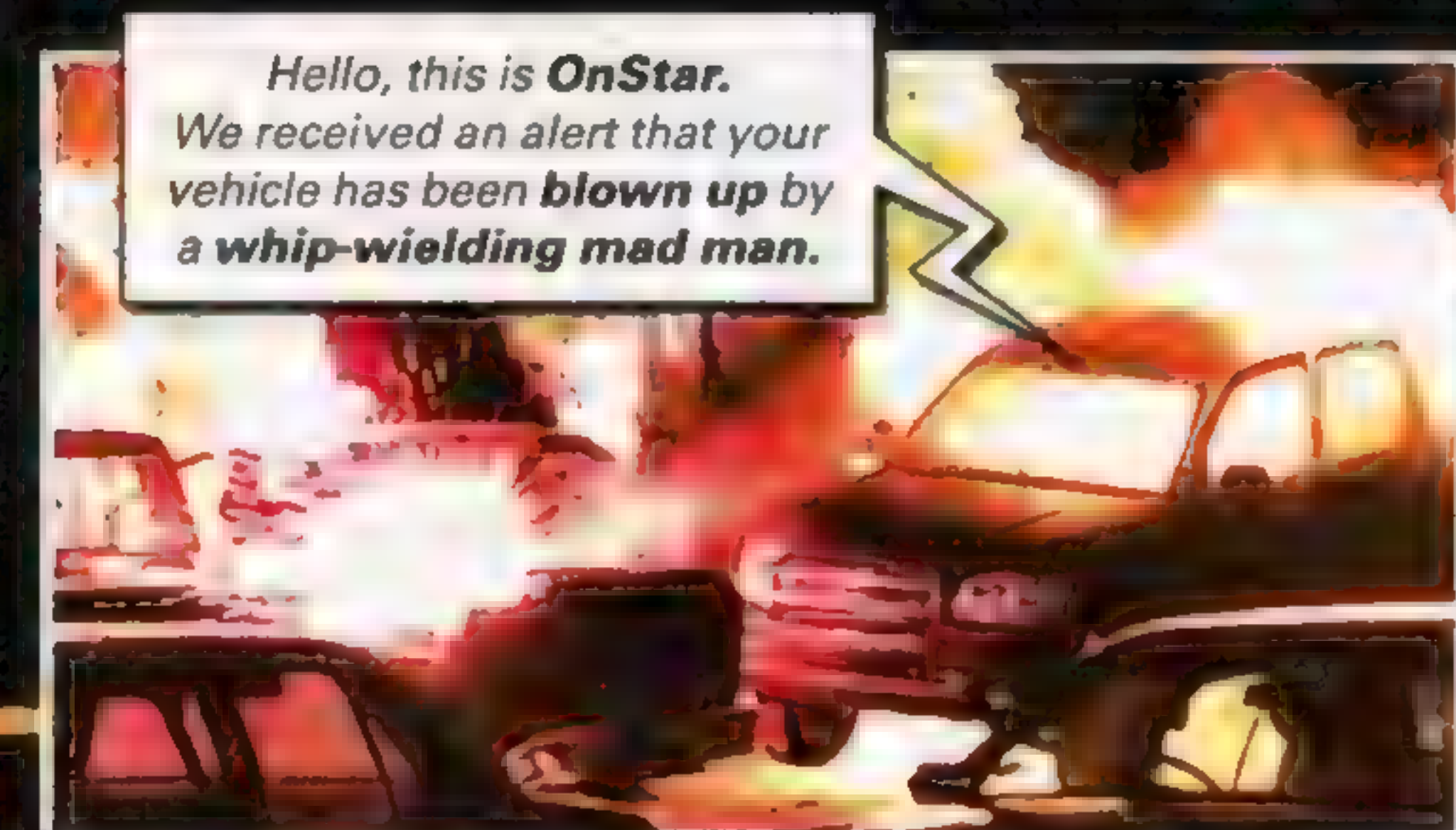
Jeeze. I can't **believe** how hard it is to **unlock** an **iPhone!**

THE YOUNG AND THE RUSTLESS DEPT.  
BREAK OUT THE COMEDY WD-40! ITS...

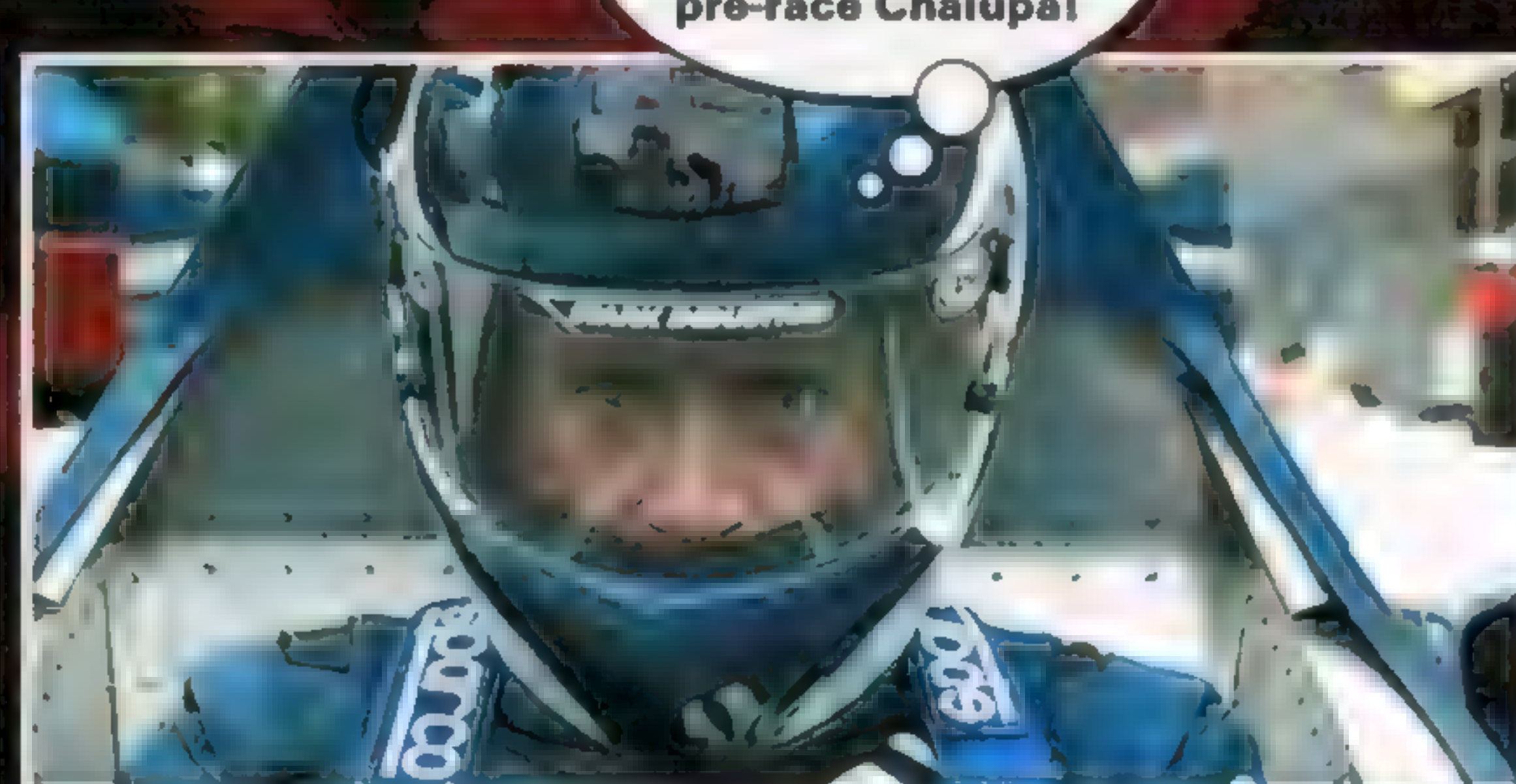
# MAD's IRON 2 MAN OUTTAKES



Even with my **insane** rampage, there's still **less** wreckage than a typical **NASCAR** race!



Hello, this is **OnStar**. We received an alert that your vehicle has been **blown up** by a **whip-wielding mad man**.



Oof! I definitely shouldn't have had that **pre-race Chalupa!**



Long story short? **Never** go to a **mall kiosk** for **laser eye surgery**.



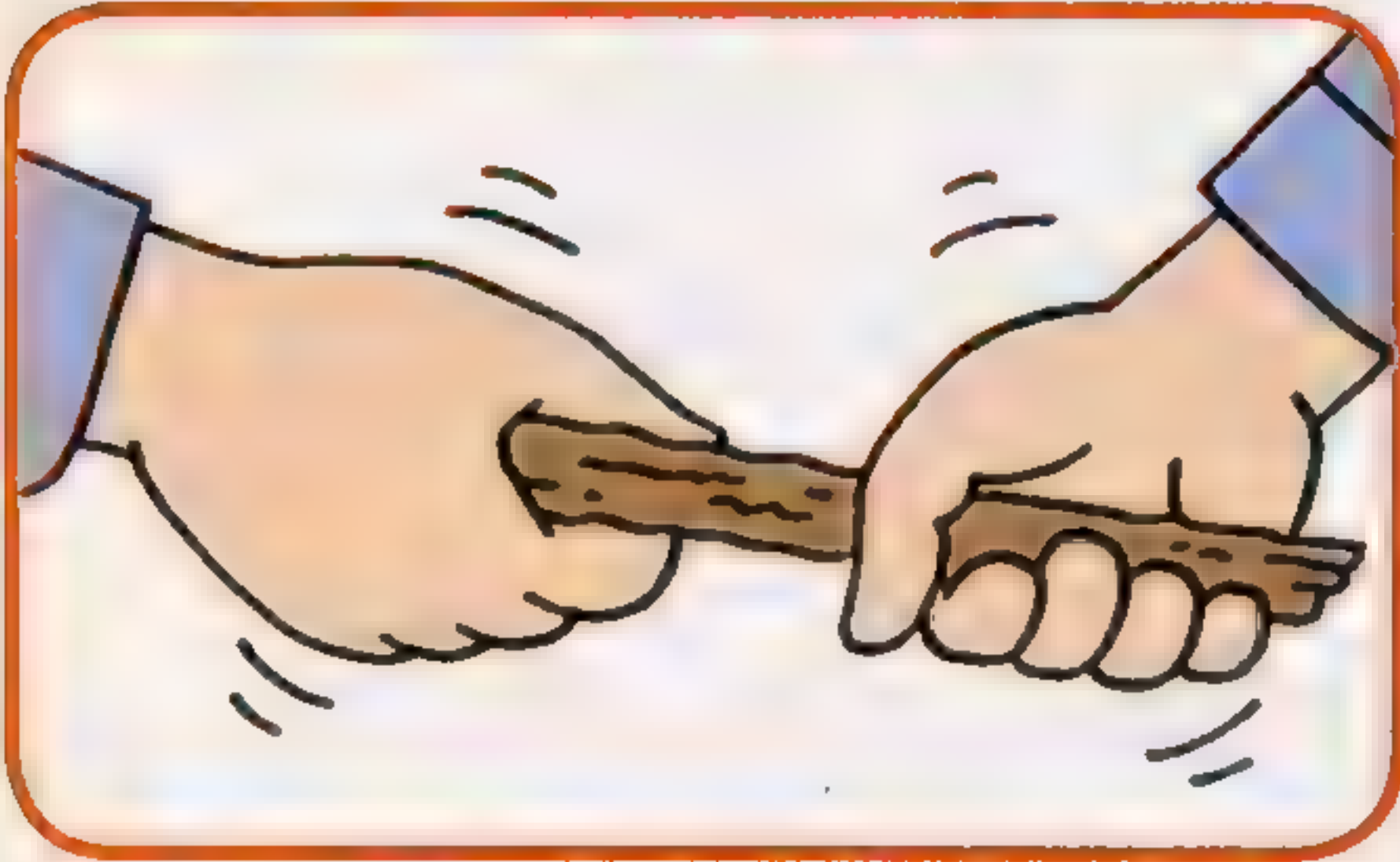
Uh...that's **not** what I meant when I said I wanted your **lips** on my **shiny red helmet**.



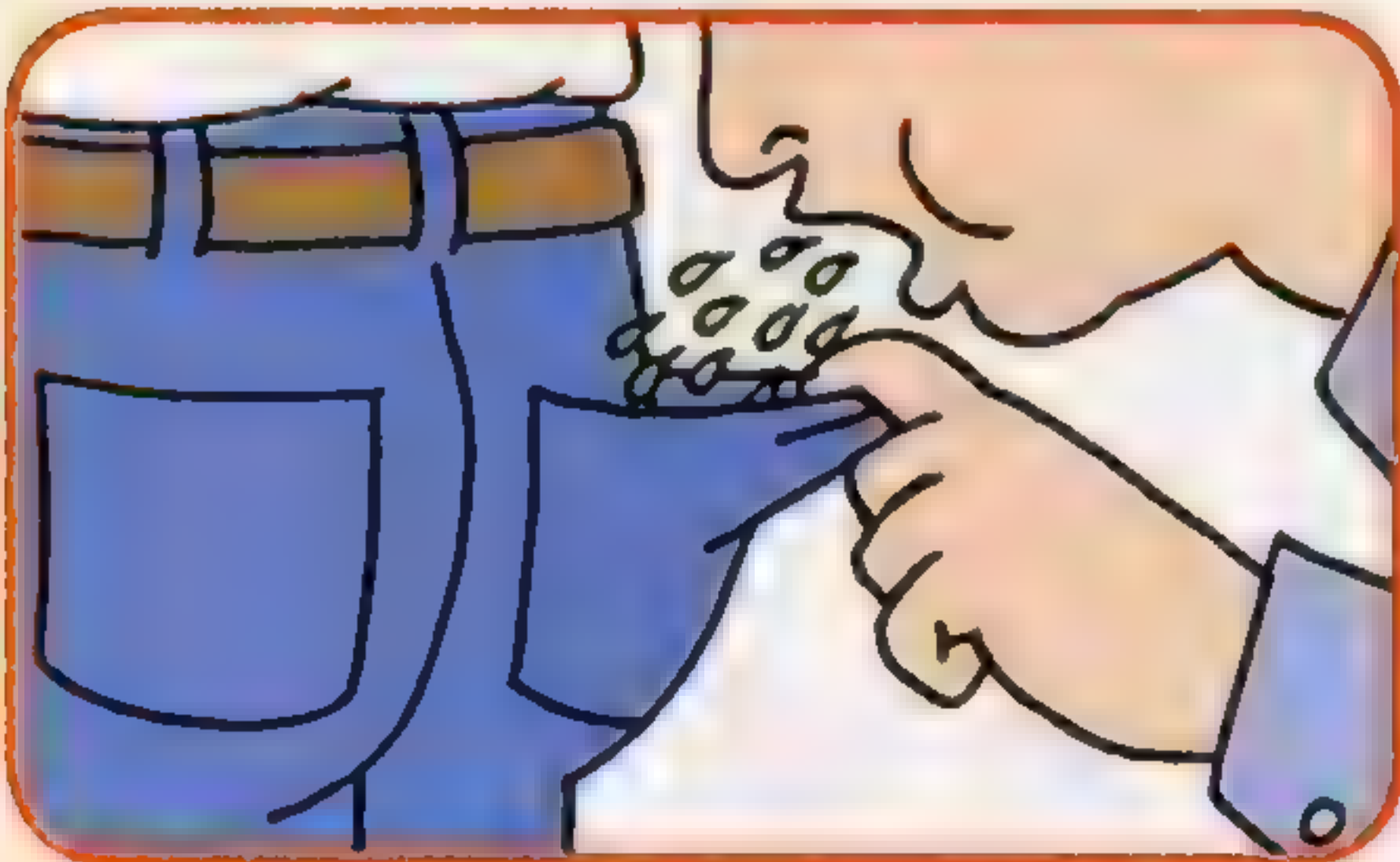
# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS!

## FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES

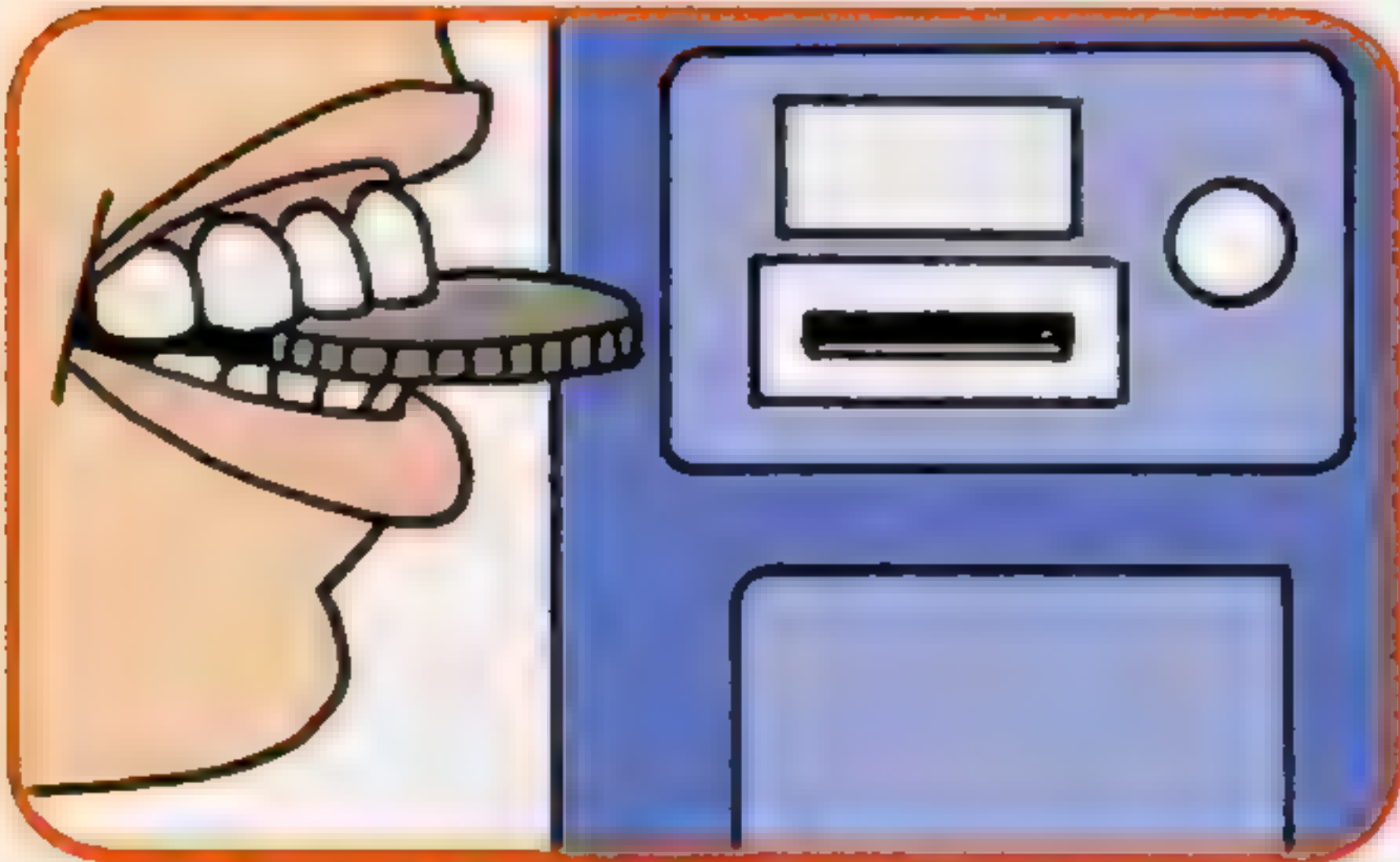
### IN THE WORKPLACE



- 1.** Avoid bare skin-to-skin contact! Shake hands using a stick.

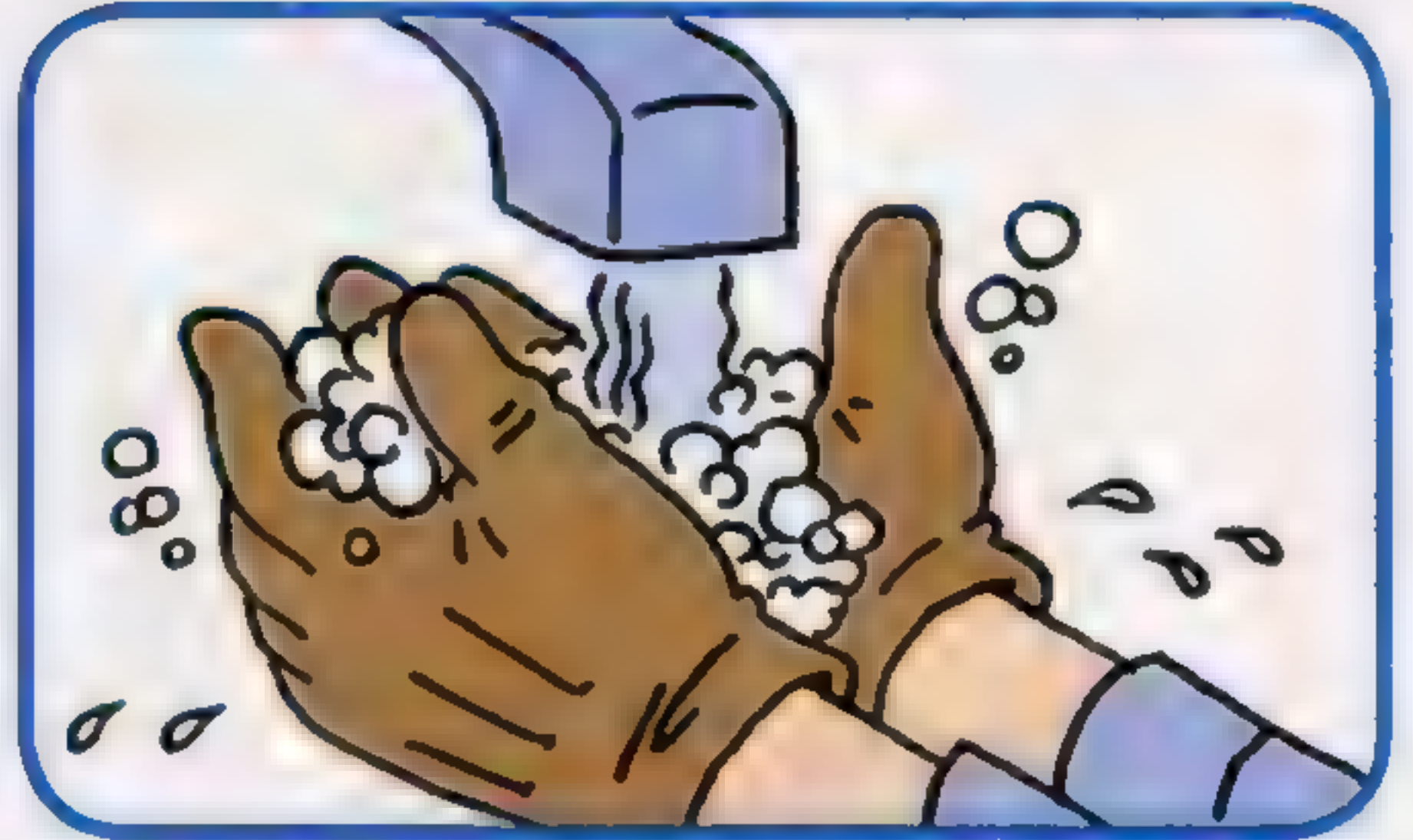


- 2.** Don't sneeze into your hands: whenever possible, sneeze into the back pocket of a co-worker.



- 3.** Do not touch vending machines. Insert coins with your mouth.

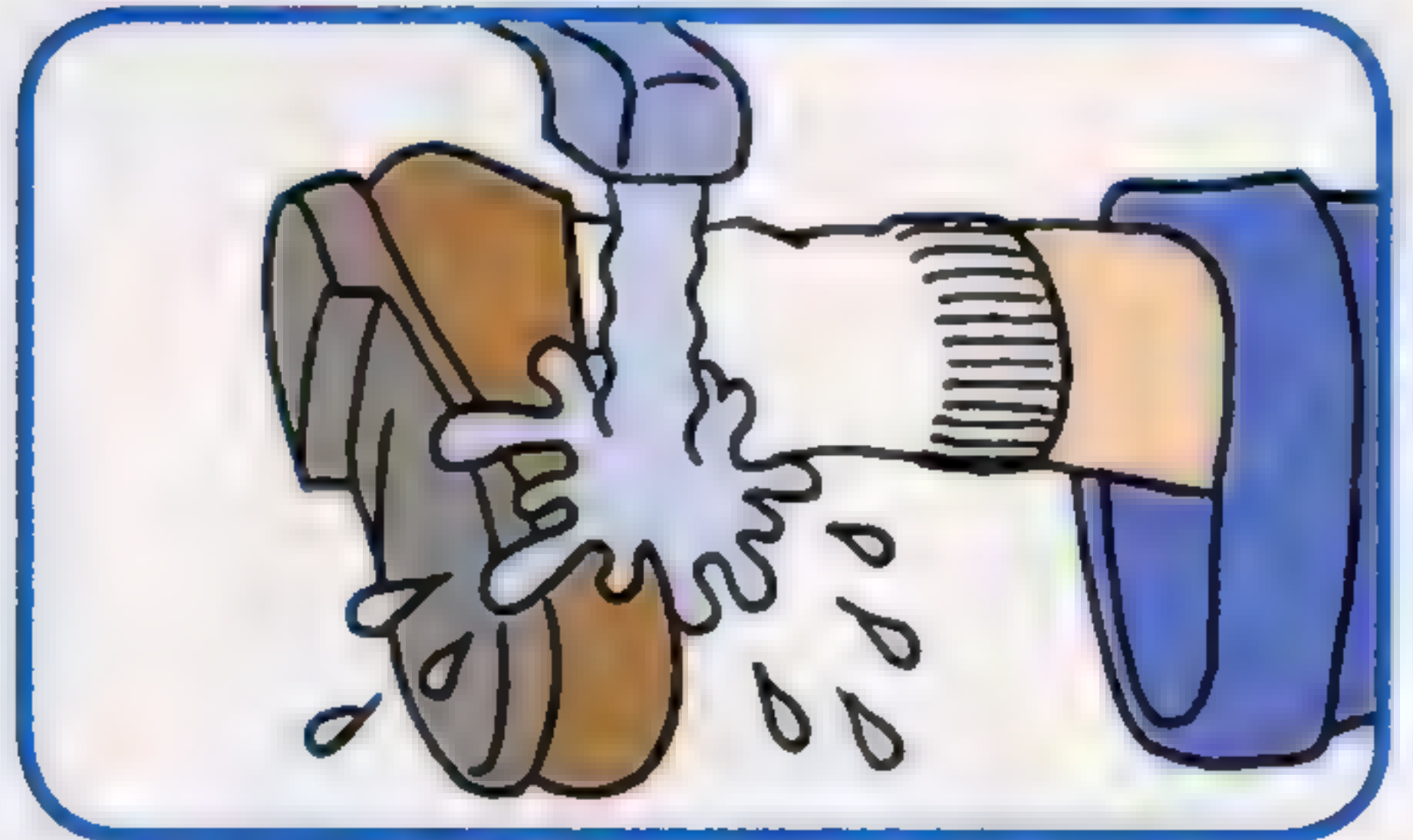
### IN THE RESTROOM



- 1.** Avoid contact with the faucet. Wash hands wearing gloves.



- 2.** Toilet seats breed germs. Carry your own toilet seat with you wherever you go.



- 3.** Never flush using your hands. Push the handle with your foot. Then wash your foot thoroughly.



# THE STRIP CLUB

it only hurt when I laugh

OY. ANOTHER SHAMELESS COLLEGE COED ORGY IN A BUICK. WHAT IS THE WORLD COMING TO?! COME ON, LET'S BUST 'EM.

YOU'VE MERELY FORGOTTEN WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE YOUNG. ME? I'M HAPPY FOR THEM.

WHUMPA  
WHUMPA  
WHUMPA

IT WAS DIFFERENT WHEN WE WERE YOUNG.

IT WAS NOT! YOU JUST FEEL LEFT OUT. IF YOU'RE GONNA BE SUCH A PARTY POOPER, WHY DON'T YOU GO BACK TO THE CAR TO EAT DONUTS AND SULK? THE REST OF US ARE HAVING FUN OUT HERE AND YOU'RE SPOILING IT.

THIS MORAL DEPRAVITY MAKES ME WANT TO VOMIT. THIS COULD BE ONE OF OUR DAUGHTERS, YOU KNOW!

THERE! HAPPY?! NOT OUR DAUGHTERS. NOW, WILL YOU JUST SMILE FOR ONCE AND GET OVER BEING LEFT OUT?!

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT. MAYBE I AM BEING SELF-CENTERED. JUST BECAUSE I'M NOT HAVING FUN, DOESN'T MEAN OTHERS SHOULDN'T.

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US, THEN, AND HAVE SOME FUN?

WELL, SURE. OKAY.

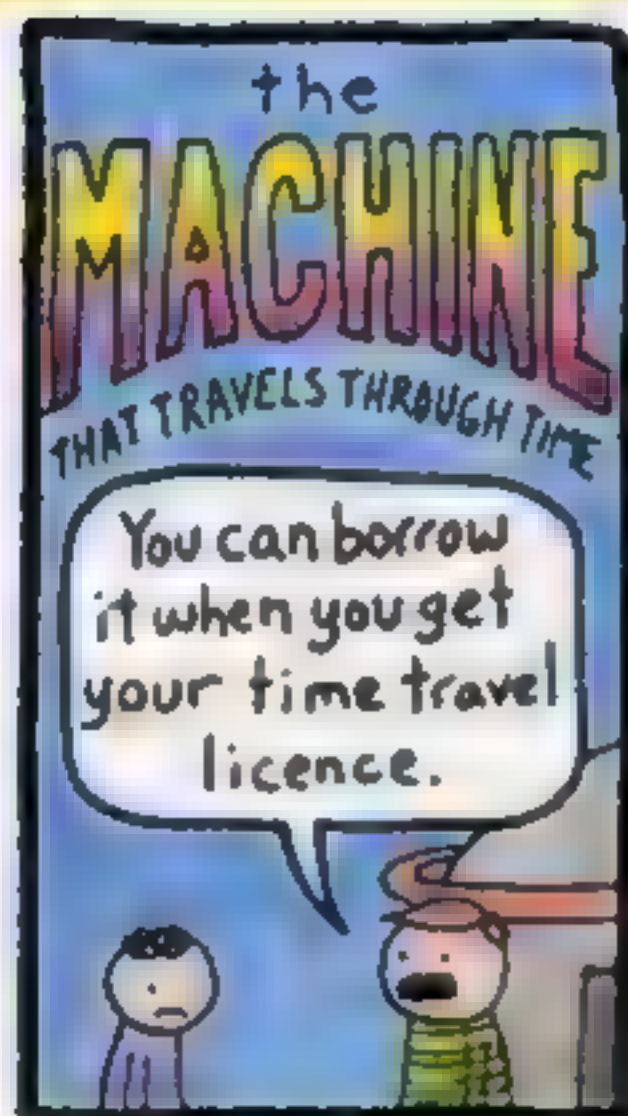
SORRY, YOU'RE NOT MY TYPE.

SLAM!

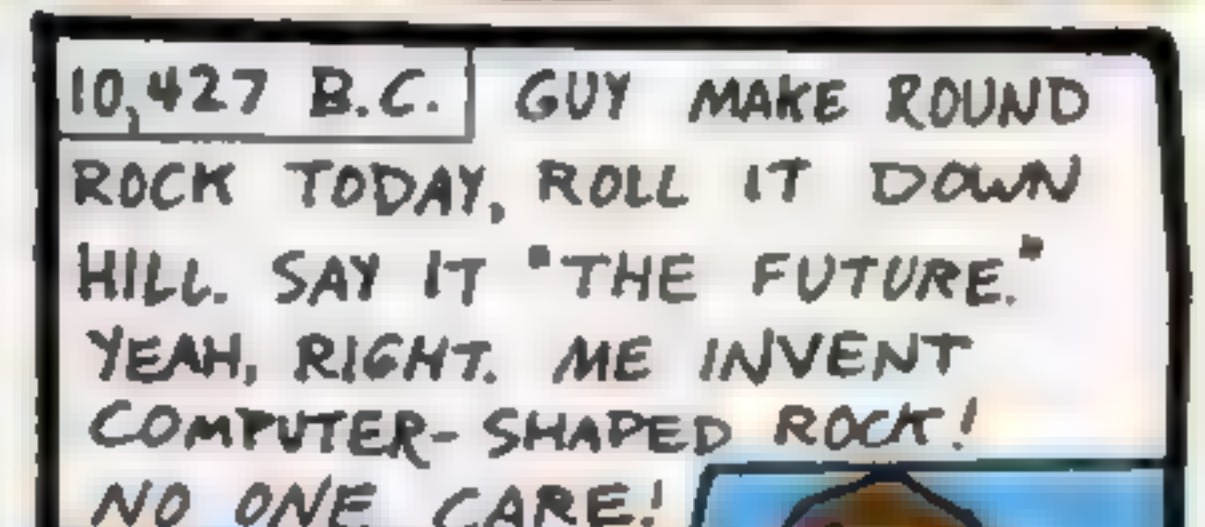
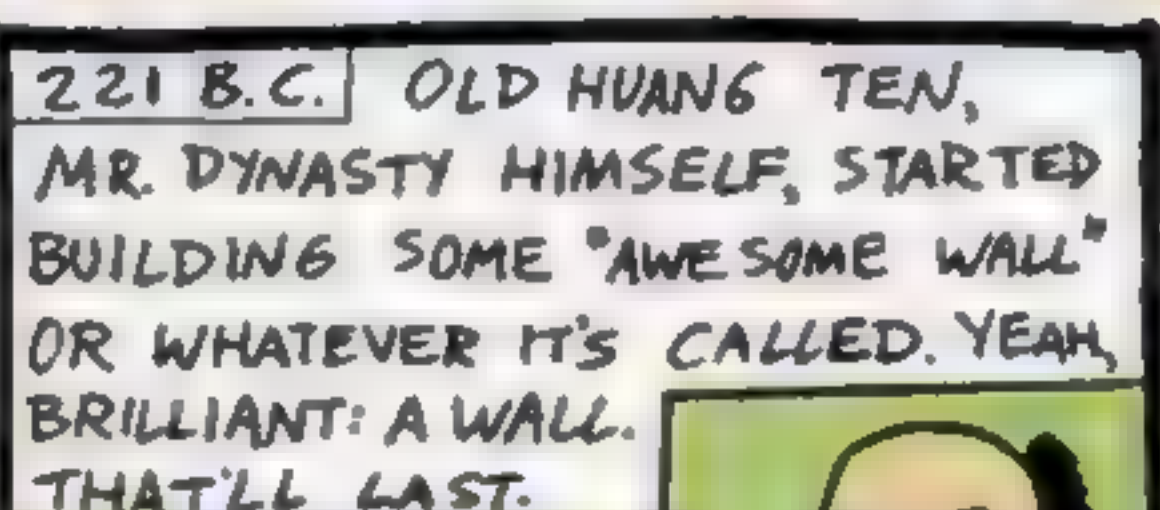
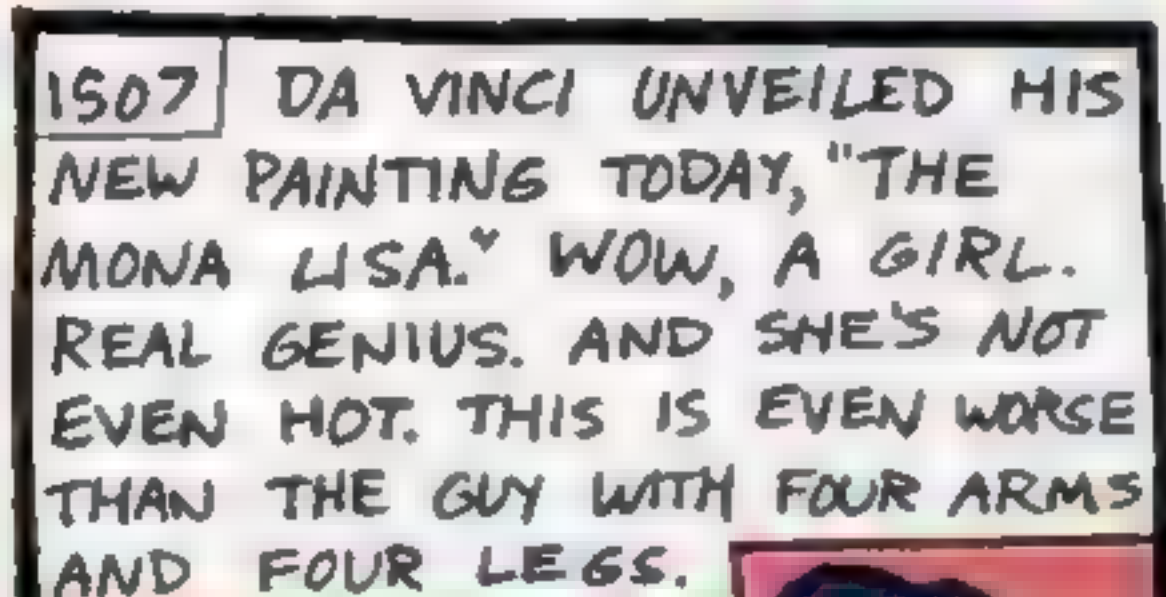
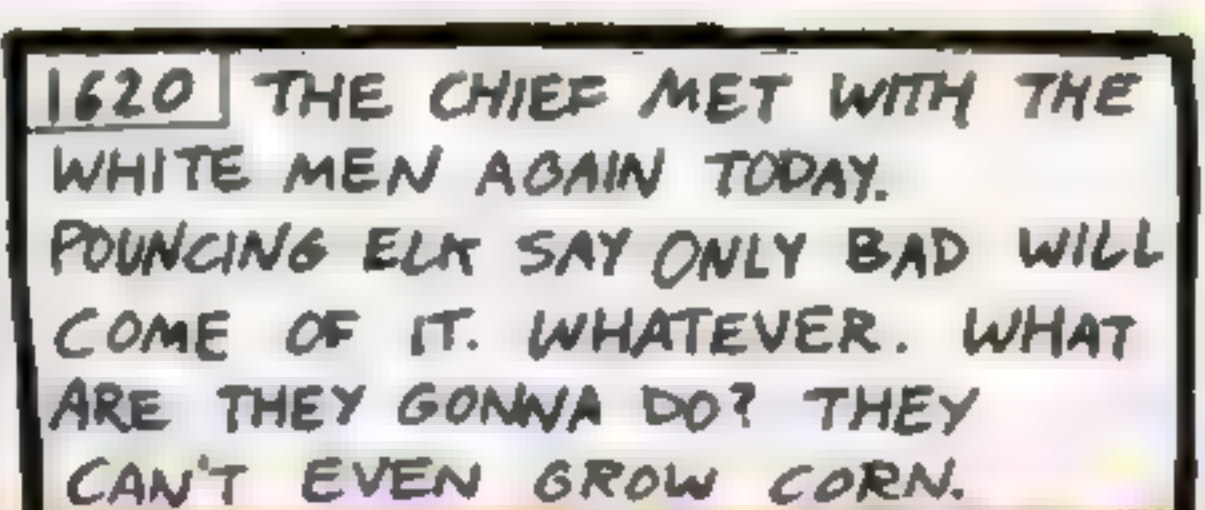
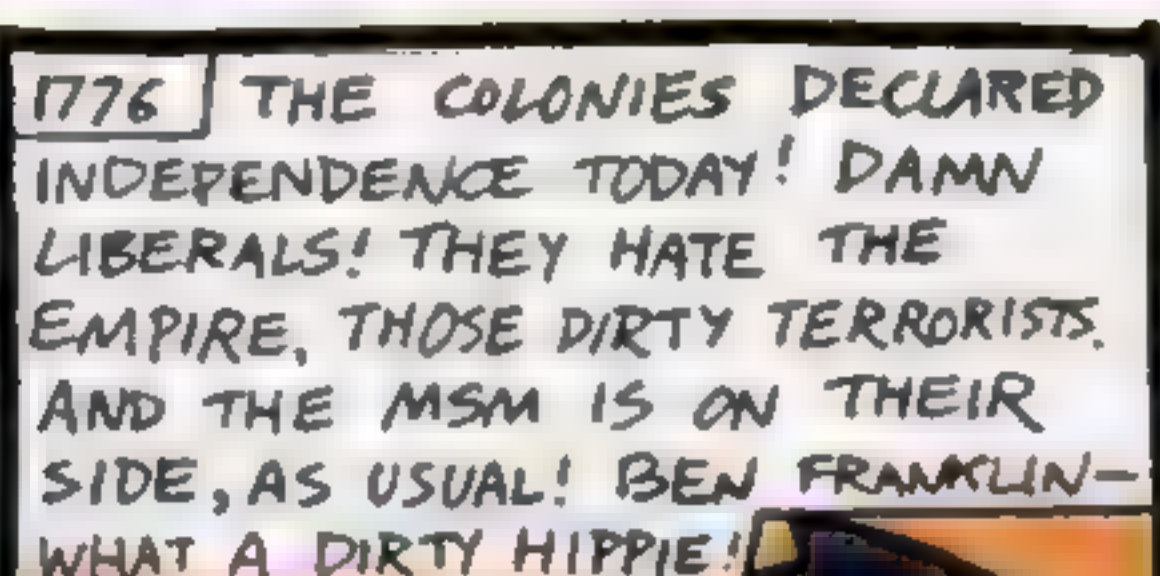
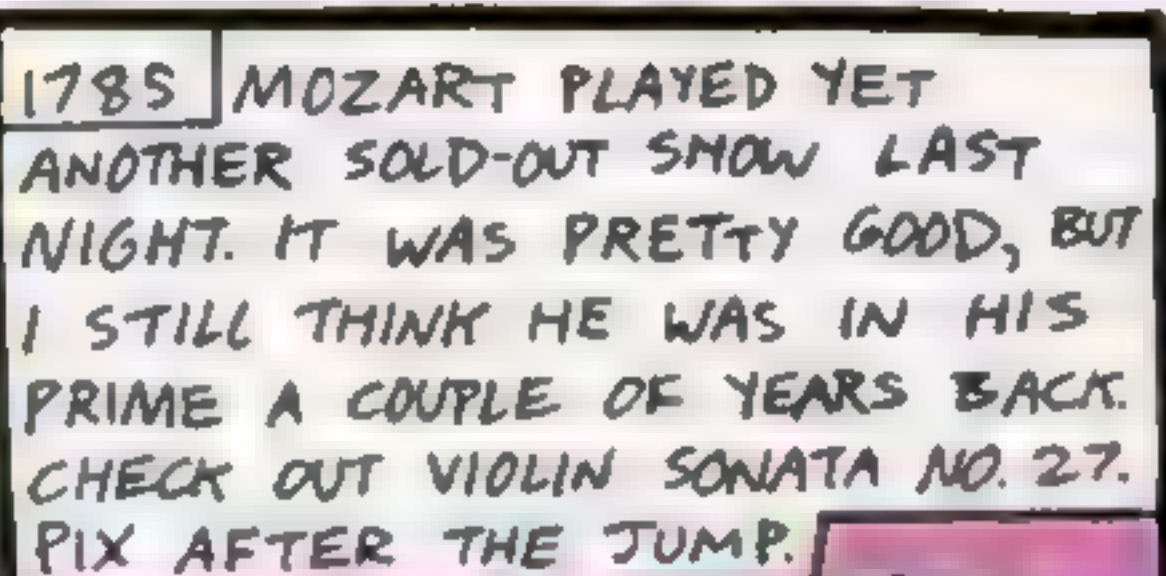
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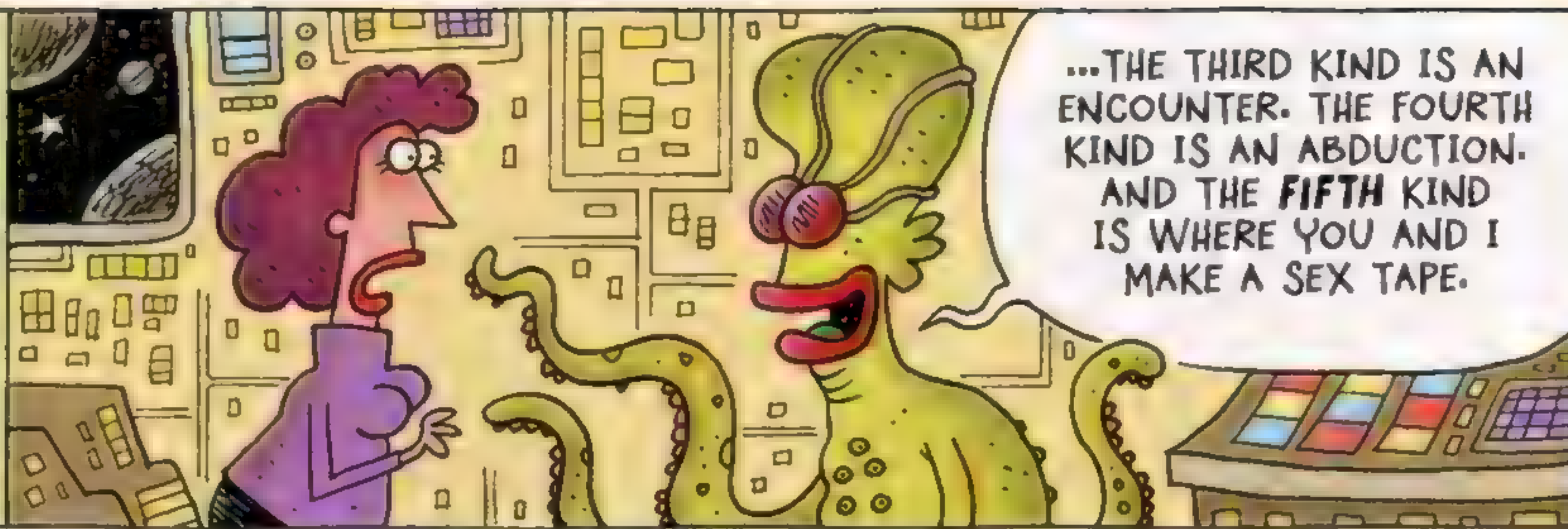


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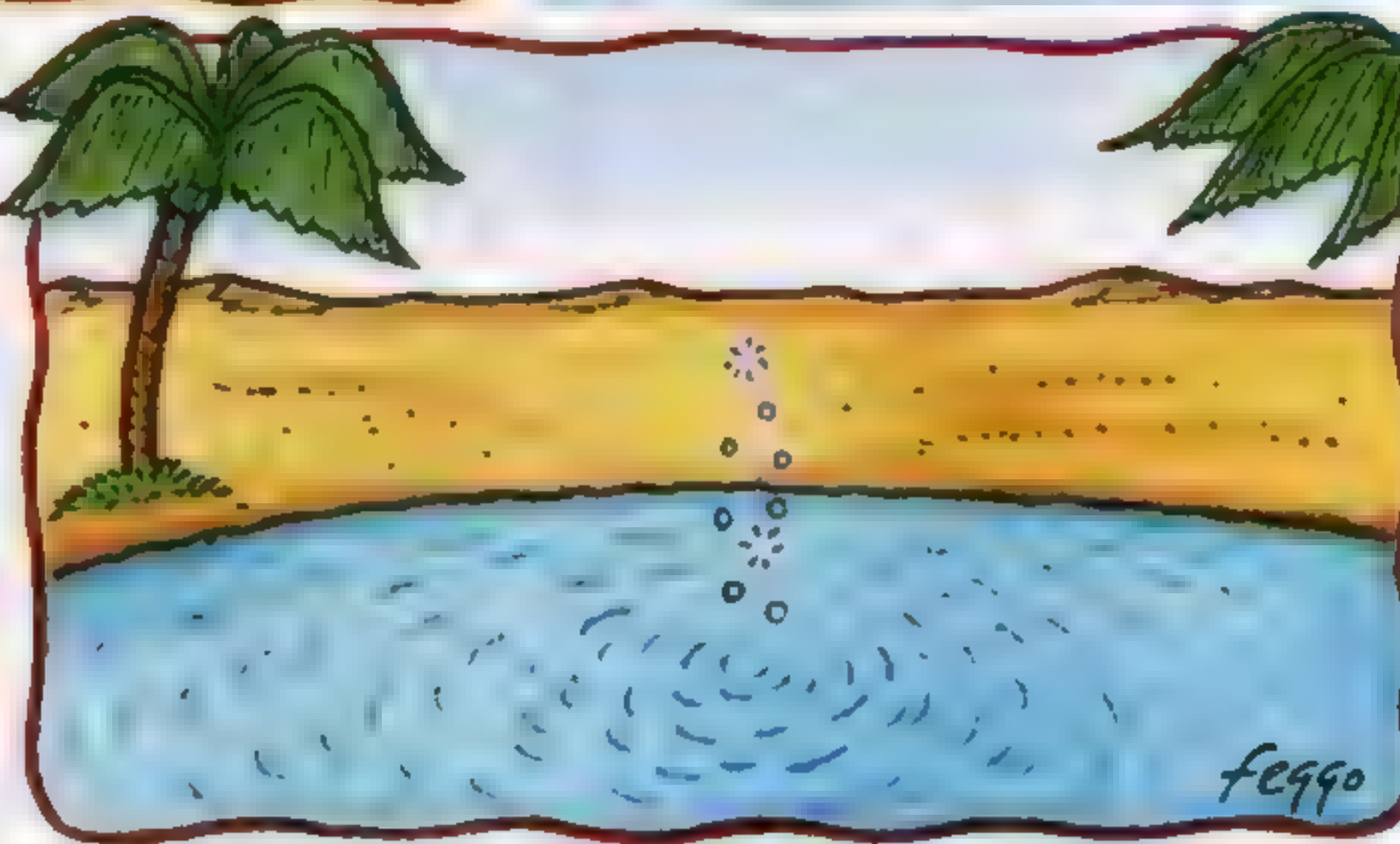
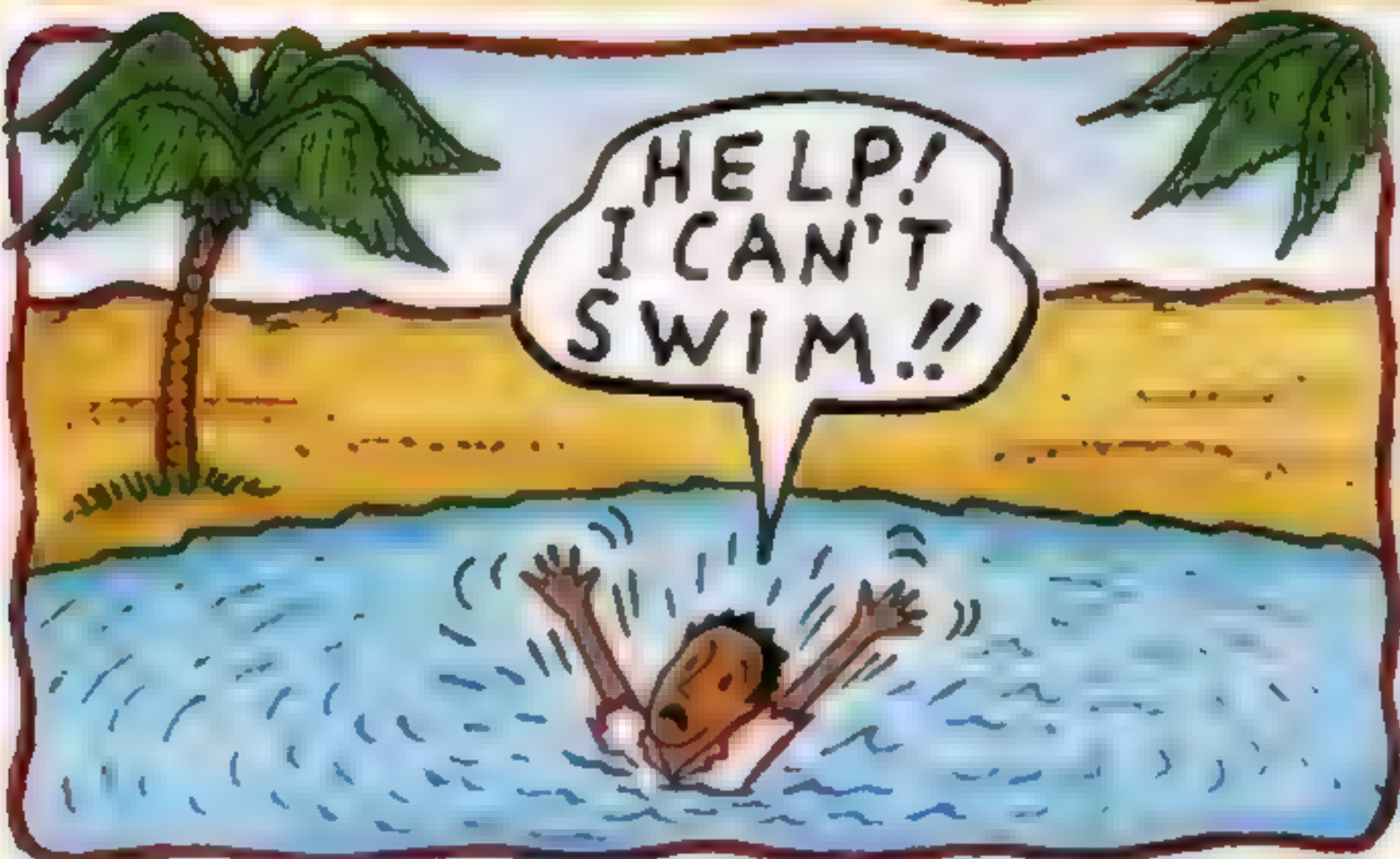
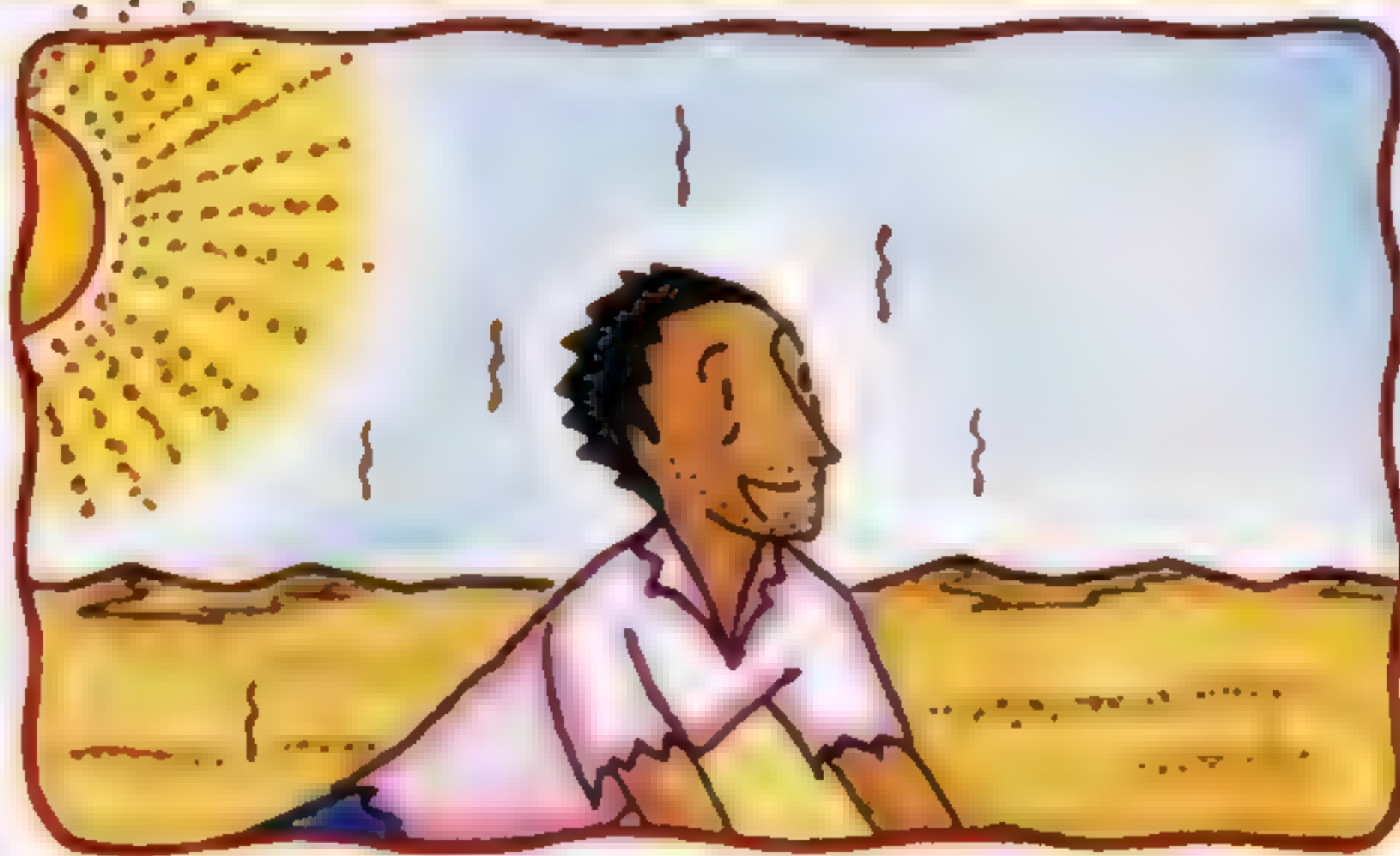




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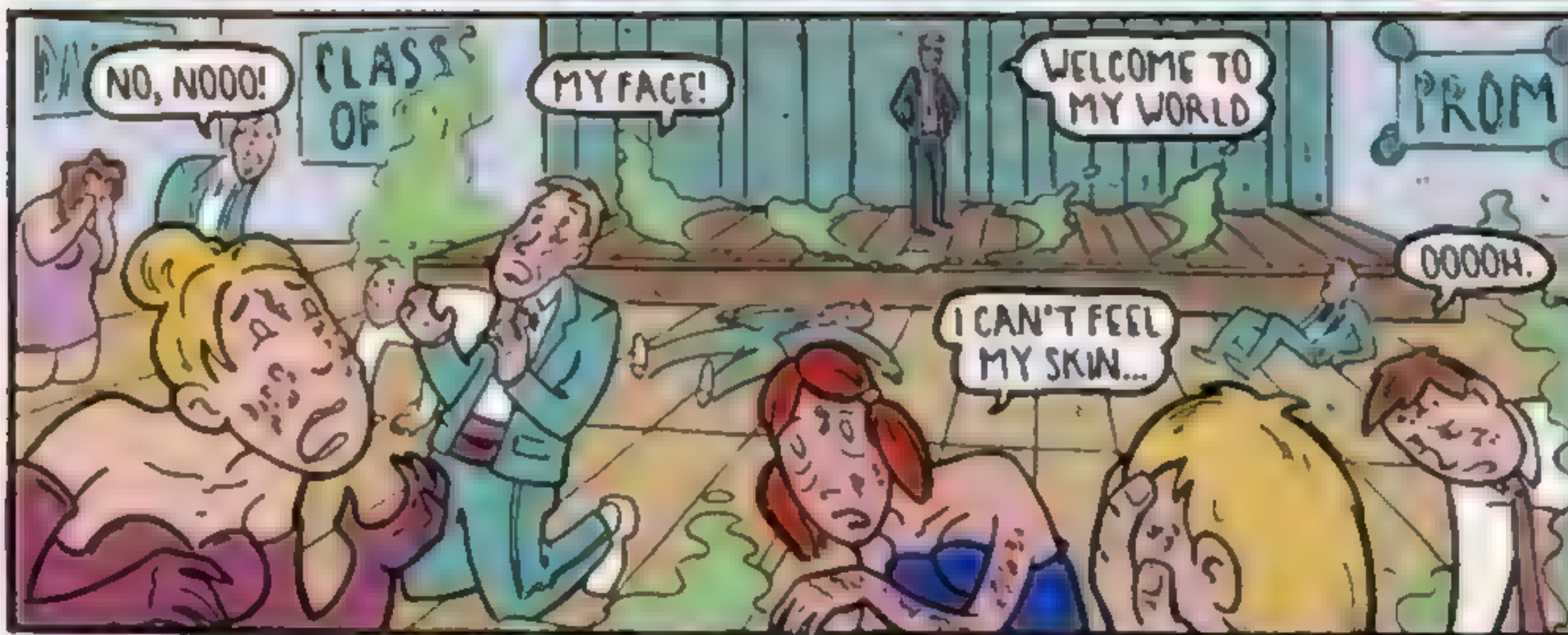
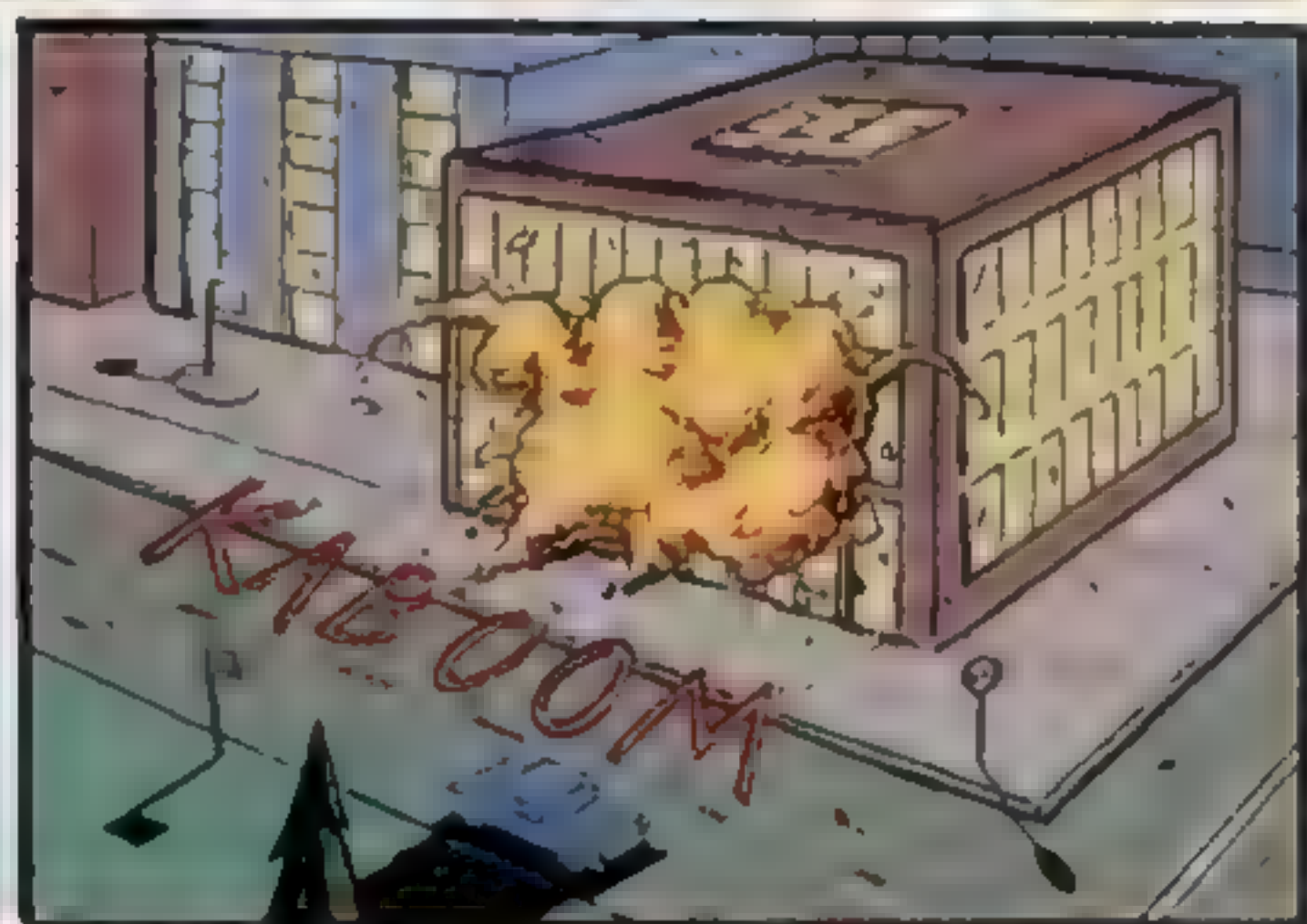
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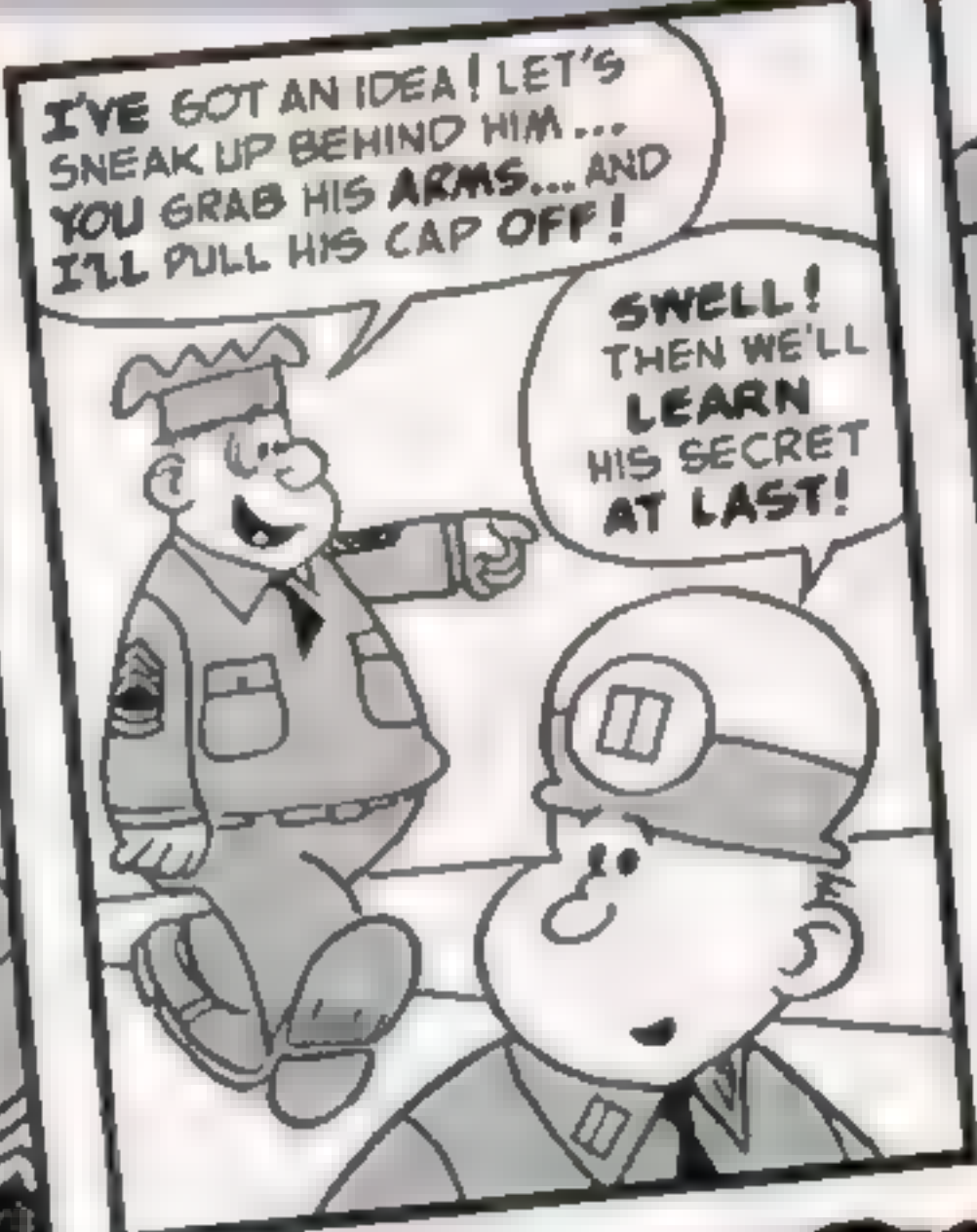




# THE MAD VAULT

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## BEETLE BAILEY



The MAD Ice Hockey Primer  
Writer: Larry Siegel Artist: Jack Davis MAD 128

## CHAPTER 3. The Goalie

This is a "Goalie".  
He guards the "Cage" or "Goal".  
He wears 30 pounds of equipment.  
He wears leg pads and knee pads  
And thigh pads and arm pads  
And elbow pads and a chest pad  
And a face mask and gloves.  
The only exposed part of the Goalie  
Is 1½ inches of his neck.  
What is the object of Ice Hockey?  
To hit the Goalie  
With the Puck  
In the neck.



If Comic Strips Covered The Burning Issues Of The Day  
Writer: Frank Ridgeway Artist: Bob Clarke MAD 126

## MAD



IN THIS ISSUE...  
**Rosemia's Boo-boo**



WARNING! ONE MAN'S MAGAZINE  
MAY BE ANOTHER MAN'S POISON

## COLORFUL PEOPLE

Here are people of different colors and different races  
all living together in love and peace and harmony.  
Can you color them correctly, and guess where they're from?



ANSWER:

YOU ARE CORRECT IF YOU COLORED THEM ALL GREEN! BECAUSE IF THEY ARE ALL LIVING TOGETHER IN LOVE AND PEACE AND HARMONY, THEY MUST BE MARTIANS!

MAD's Color Puzzle Page  
Writer: Al Jaffee Artist: Bob Clarke MAD 126





**A MAD NATIONAL MONUMENT WE'D LIKE TO SEE**

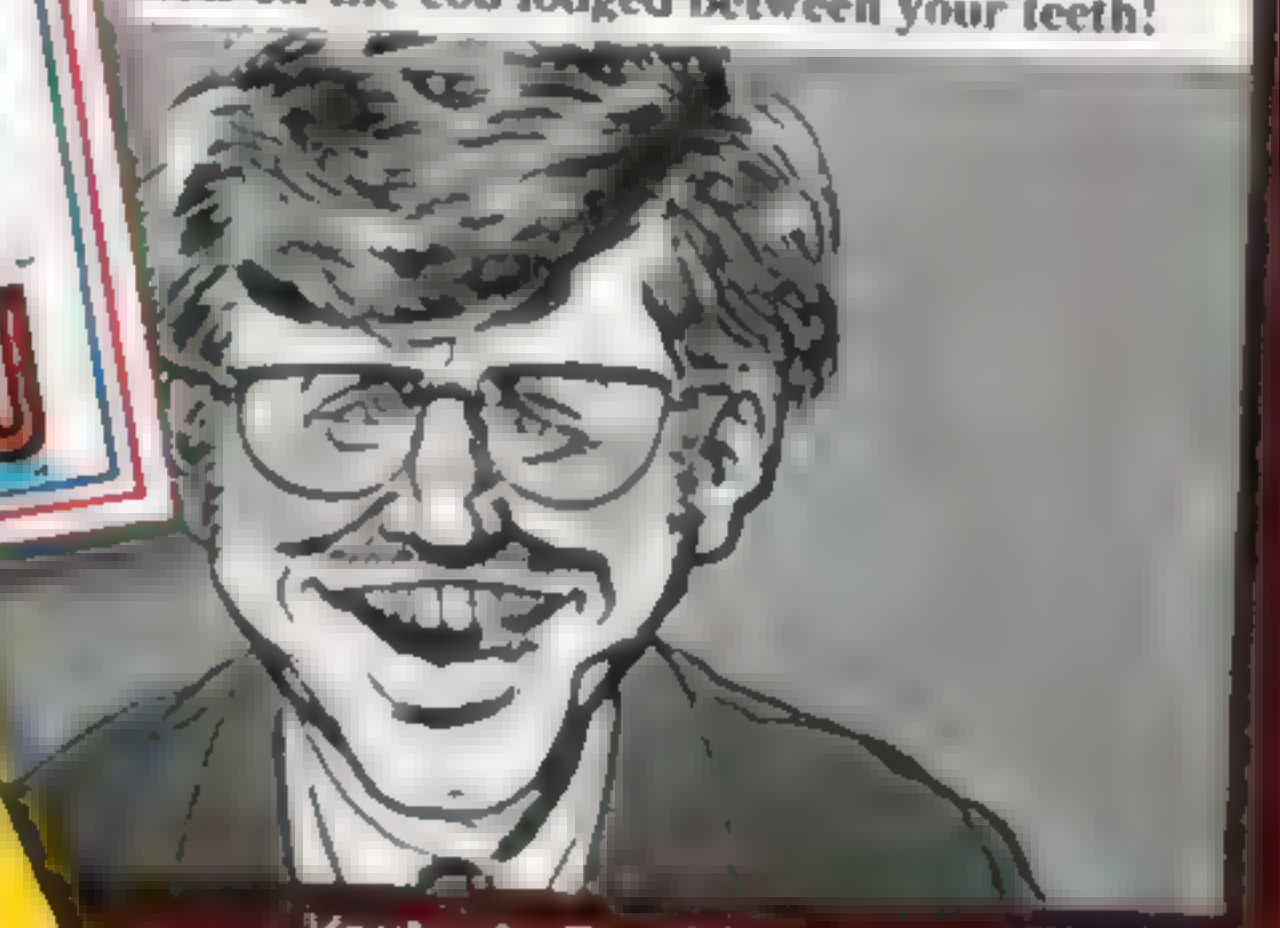
**THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SMOKER\***



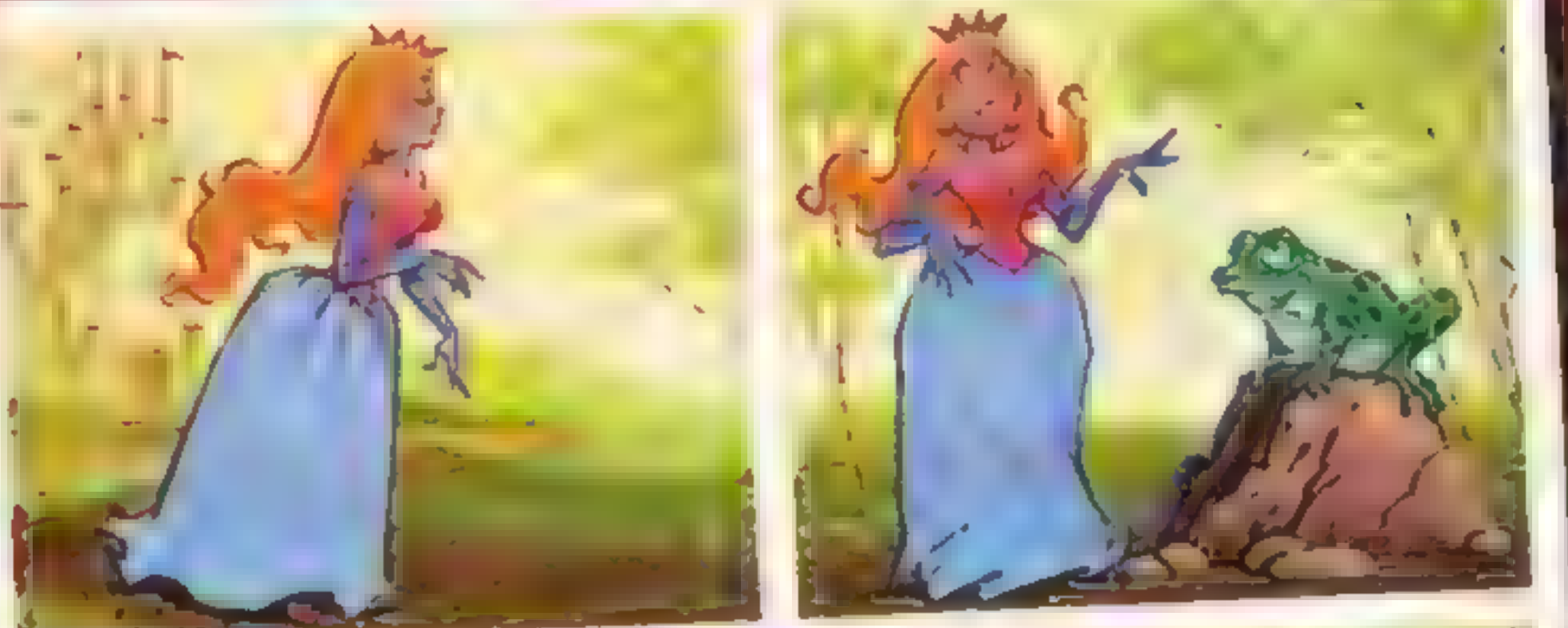
**YOU'RE IN TROUBLE** if your dinner date smiles every time you open your mouth and say something you deem clever...



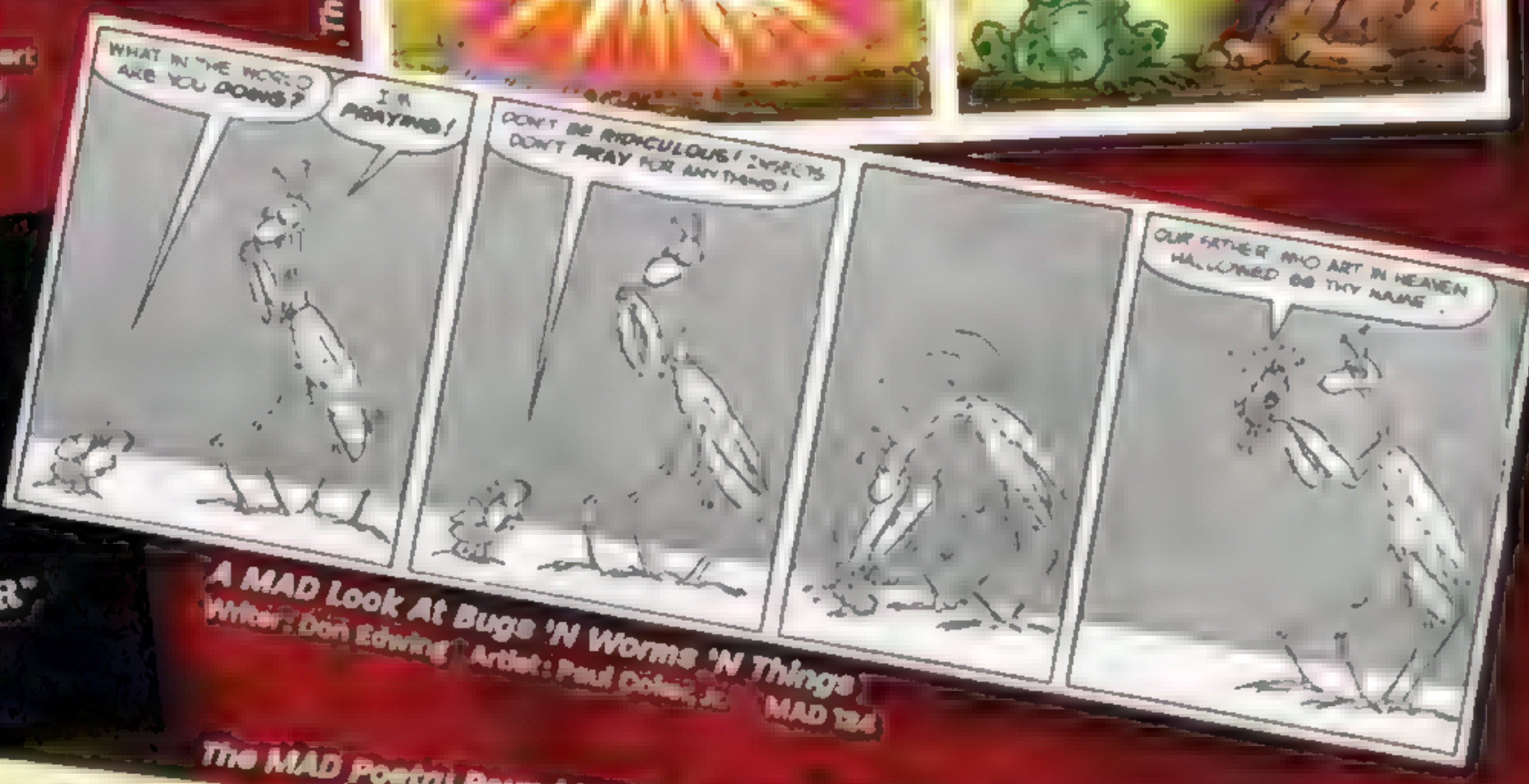
Because you know you aren't *that* witty, so you've probably got a chunk of corn-on-the-cob lodged between your teeth!



**You're In Trouble... When They Smile**  
Writers: Stan Hart & Chris Hart  
Artist: George Woodbridge  
MAD 126



The Magic Spell... Writers: Al Jeffers Artist: Jack Rickard MAD 124



**A MAD Look At Bugs 'N Worms 'N Things**  
Writer: Don Edwing Artist: Paul Cohen, Jr. MAD 124

**If Longfellow's "THE MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL REVERE" Were Written By Ernest Lawrence Thayer**

It looked extremely rocky for the Colonists that night;  
The British were attacking with no hope of help in sight;  
So, with villages in danger from the enemy so near,  
They had to send a warning, and they called on Paul Revere.

There was ease in Paul's demeanor as he climbed upon his mare;  
There was pride in Paul's expression as he sat so tall and fair;  
And then the horse grew skittish, and she gave a sudden jump,  
And Paul fell from his saddle, landing smack upon his rump

With a smile of Yankee courage, Paul rose smartly to his feet,  
And once again upon the saddled mare he took his seat;  
But as he gripped the reins, she made a sudden turn around,  
And once again Paul plummeted onto the dusty ground.

The smile has vanished from Paul's face, his eyes burn with a glare;  
He grips the bridle fiercely as again he mounts the mare;  
And now he tells the horse to gallop, in an urgent tone,  
And now the air is shattered as the horse takes off—alone;

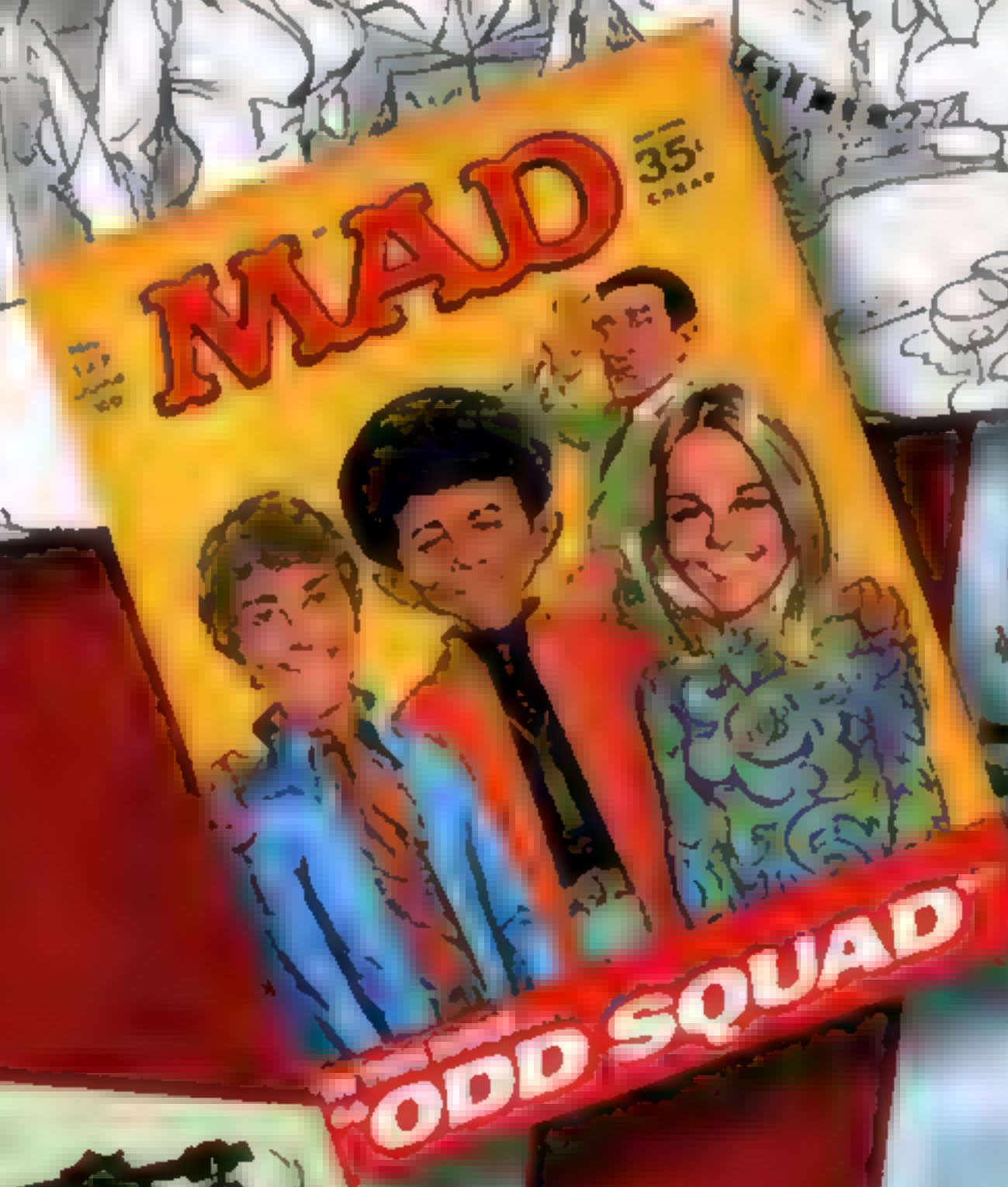


Oh, somewhere in this war-torn land the people safely know  
That Redcoats are invading, taking captives as they go,  
And somewhere people are prepared to flee the British force,  
But there's no hope for New England—  
Paul Revere can't ride a horse!

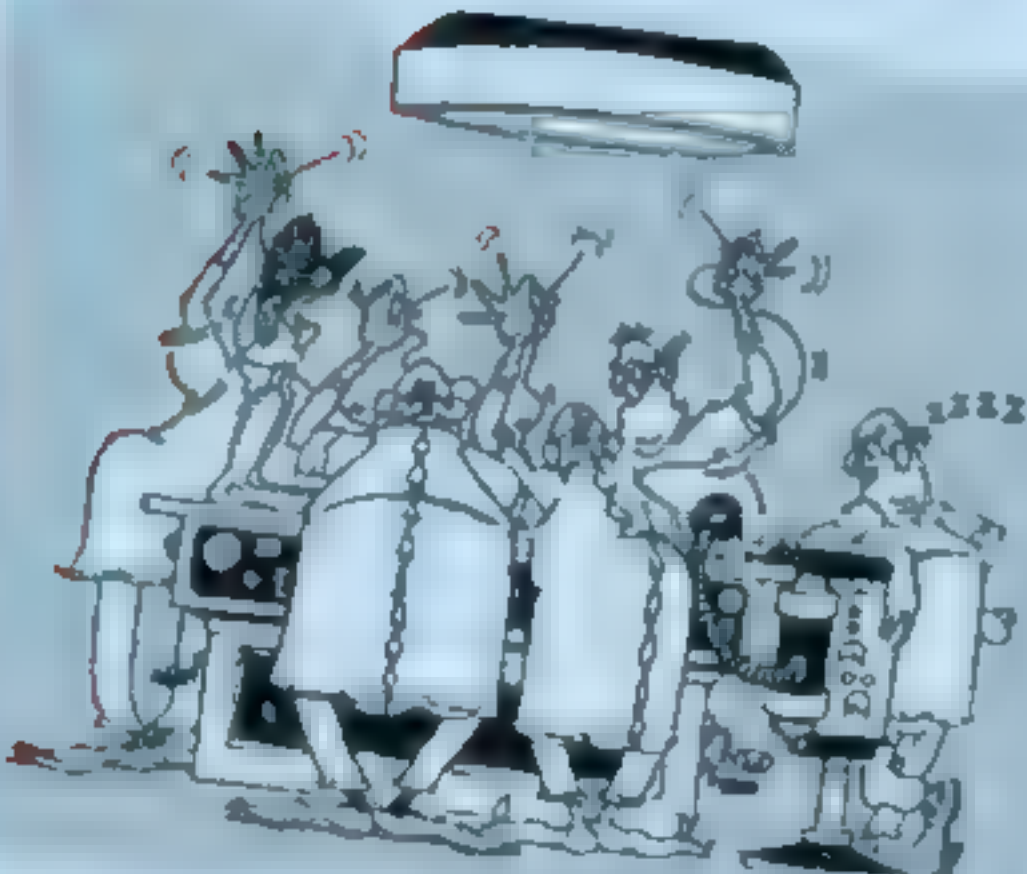
**The MAD Poetry Round Robin** Writer: Frank Jacobs Artist: George Woodbridge MAD 122



**Familiar Affair**  
Writer: Stan Hart  
Artist: Mort Drucker  
MAD 126



**The Shadow Knows**  
Writer and Artist: Sergio Aragones MAD 131



**One Day In A Sawmill**  
Writer and Artist: Don Martin MAD 128





Twitter may sound like it's fun and easy, but don't fool yourself — it's a pressure cooker! On a daily basis you have to be clever, funny and thought-provoking! And let's face it, if you're a MAD reader, you're NONE of those things! Thankfully, there's one more thing that you're not: honest! At least that means that you can just...

# steal these tweets!



**I can't find my "Where's Waldo" book. Looks like he's won before we even started...**

On Facebook I mark "Like" for as much stuff as possible — it'll make a great cribsheet if I ever have to battle back from amnesia.

**Whenever someone says, "You can't get blood from a stone," don't reply. Just smash them in the face with a stone.**

I'm making a scrapbook of all my favorite times spent scrapbooking.

**Went to a restaurant that had a chocolate fountain. Fortunately, I had Hanukkah coins on me, so I was able to make a wish.**

I finally organized my computer's cluttered desktop. Now I have everything in one tidy folder — labeled "Desktop."

What's the best way to tell the world that I'm allergic to the metal they use to make those medic-alert bracelets?

Remember how much better nostalgia used to be?

**I got a ticket for driving while talking on my cell phone. Is it worth arguing that I wasn't actually talking, just playing Tetris?**

When I'm at the urinal, I always pour a little on the ground for my homies with urinary tract infections.

I'd take your message of social upheaval much more seriously if your "Anarchy" patch hadn't clearly been purchased at Hot Topic.

**Women want a fairytale romance. Men just want a happy ending.**



WHAT CONDITION  
DEFINITELY WON'T  
BE COVERED BY  
THE NEW OBAMA  
HEALTH PLAN?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS  
**MAD FOLD-IN**

There have been many complaints about the new health care plan. People are worried about getting their needs met and want to be fully satisfied — and no one wants to be caught with their pants down. The plan can completely fall apart when a member is left uncovered and unprotected. To find out what malady is not covered under the new plan, fold page in as shown.



FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

**A**

FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT

**B**

FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"



A BRUTAL FACT OF LIFE IS THAT THE COMPROMISED  
RECENT HEALTH BILL IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED. PU-  
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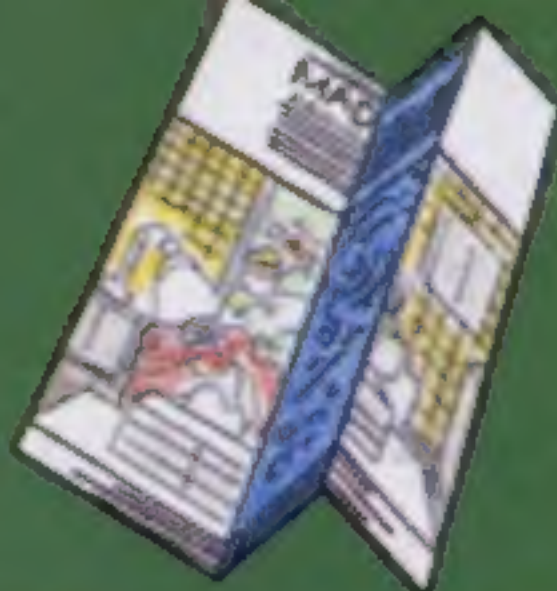
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WRITER AND ARTIST: AL JAFFEE

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Ever tried sliding  
down a  
bobsled run naked?



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